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PREPARING FOR WAR

A child is fitted with a special protective hooded gas mask for children while his mother takes instruction from a civil defence soldier. Civil defence soldiers at distribution centres are briefing the old and young on how to use the equipment. Also there were videos in each centre to further explain the protective equipment. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made clear that nobody should misconstrue the distribution of anti-gas equipment to mean that Israel is planning an attack. "We are not planning a pre-emptive strike against Iraq, what we are doing is a prudent measure given the repeated threats of chemical war against us." [IPPA photo]

Tel Aviv braces for missiles

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's largest city is bearing up well under the threat of missile attack from Iraq.

There are long lines at the supermarkets and other stores as householders continue to stock up on canned goods, bottled water and material to seal rooms against poison gas attacks.

But the shoppers are cheerful as they wait their turn at the check-out counters, telling each other they can always "use the extra stuff."

"It's only because of the children that I decided to buy a bit more than I usually do," one housewife remarked at a supermarket. Her three shopping bags brimmed with preserves, chocolates and milk products.

"Is it going to help if I buy all the canned tuna fish in the shop?" she asked.

But this mother of three, and countless other Israelis, are following the Israel Defence Force's civil defence instructions to seal windows with plastic strips and nylon sheets.

She has set aside one room for such treatment and stocked it with sweets, toys and a transistor radio, "to calm the kids."

"Just in case" and "only to be prepared" are the most frequent explanations heard around town.

The education ministry has ordered schools to seal off at least one classroom against gas attack, in addition to preparing the regular air raid shelters.

Principals have been instructed to keep school open until orders are broadcast for all citizens to carry gas masks. At that point, schools will be shut.

There is tension in the air, camouflaged by cool good cheer and gallows humor.

Most of the city's largest nightclubs and discotheques are booked solid for "end of the world" parties on the night of Jan. 15, the UN-imposed deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait or face the possibility of war.

Almost every shop now has signs reading, "We will gladly accept checks dated after Jan. 15."

Saddam Hussein and his foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, have said Israel would be the first target of Iraqi mis-

siles if Baghdad is attacked by the U.S.-led coalition of forces.

Tel Aviv's popular mayor, Shlomo Lahat, saw a humorous side to the threat.

"A missile from Iraq may reach Tel Aviv in five minutes, but it will take hours to find a parking space," he quipped.

But the IDF does not indulge in one-liners.

Gen. Dan Shomron, the chief of staff, assured the nation in a television appearance that all branches of the armed forces are fully prepared for any eventuality.

They are trained in the most modern techniques of warfare and will afford the country maximum protection, he said.

Other ranking IDF officers have played down the destructive effects of a missile attack.

The Iraqi missiles that might get through to Israel are comparatively small and would be at their maximum range and minimum accuracy, they said.

"They are really not much more than the Katyushas which the Palestine Liberation Organization and terrorists have been firing toward Israel from Lebanon in recent years, and they have caused no casualties and relatively little damage," one officer pointed out.

Shomron said the Iraqi missiles carry a 250-kg warhead, while aircraft can carry 10 times the explosive power. Although Israel may not be able to intercept missiles, it can detect and bring down aircraft, including low-flying bombers that evade long-range radar, he said.

The air force is on a high state of alert. Pilots are strapped into their cockpits around the clock and ready to take off at a moment's notice, Gen. Avihu Bin-Nun, the air force commander, said.

Meanwhile, Ben Gurion Airport continued to be jammed with departing passengers. Thirteen of the 16 foreign airlines serving Israel have suspended service or announced they would shortly.

Most of those leaving are tourists and foreign residents, but some Israelis are leaving too. Few admit they are frightened by the war scare. They say they are taking long-planned trips abroad.

Eagleburger fails to convince Shamir

Israel defends its right to respond to attack

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The second-highest-ranking official of the U.S. State Department met twice over the weekend with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, but apparently failed to persuade him not to retaliate in the event of an Iraqi attack.

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger met with Shamir on Sunday night, after spending three hours with him the night before.

Eagleburger also met with Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who defended Israel's right to respond militarily if it is attacked by Baghdad.

Eagleburger's mission was initially kept under wraps. But Brent Scowcroft, President George Bush's national security adviser, confirmed in a television interview Sunday that the purpose was to persuade Israel to stay out of a possible war with Iraq.

But sentiment is running high among cabinet ministers that Israel must and will retaliate if attacked.

"If Israel is attacked, we will reply," Arens said, adding, "Israel will give



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

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With Eagleburger's visit, Jerusalem sources noted, the entire handling of the crisis has been moved into Shamir's hands.

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the best possible account of itself if attacked."

The defence minister spoke to reporters while visiting an air force base in northern Israel. He repeated his statement in English as if to make sure the Americans understand the position he was expressing.

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States wanted Israel to refrain from hitting back if attacked, Arens referred the questioner to the Americans for an answer.

On Friday, Levy received yet another message from U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, in which Baker again rejected the notion of linkage between the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf crisis. The message to Levy detailed the exchange in

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Saddam, Israel slammed by Iraqi opposition leader

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Saddam Hussein's Iraq is "a Western-created monster," a leader of the Iraqi opposition has charged.

Dr. Abu Ali, a spokesman of the Da'wah al-Islamiya (Islamic Call) party, said at a press conference here that Western countries supported Saddam's regime politically, economically and militarily long before Iraq invaded and annexed Kuwait.

Dr. Ali made his remarks on the same day as last week's unsuccessful talks between the United States and Iraq in Geneva. Comparing Saddam to a "mad dog" who has ruled Iraq "by terror and oppression," he claimed that the Iraqi government has executed some 35,000 members and sympathizers of his outlawed Islamic fundamentalist party. Dr. Ali, a cardiologist, left Iraq in 1979 and has not been back since.

Describing Saddam as "one of the main conspirators against the Palestinian revolution," Dr. Ali suggested that Iraq is "using" the Palestinians for its own selfish ends.

Asserting that "the world has ignored the Palestinian problem," Dr.



Dr. Abu Ali
[Alron photo]

Ali said that Islamic Call supports the establishment of a Palestinian state as part of an overall effort to defuse tensions in the Middle East.

Asked later if Islamic Call recognizes Israel's legitimacy, he fended off the question, claiming that Israel has committed "criminal acts" in the territories.

Dr. Ali, who lives in London, England, said that Israel wants to establish a Palestinian state in Jordan and "forget the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

He predicted that Israel would join the United States "from the first minute" in waging war on Iraq. "Israel has a lot of interest in destroying Iraq's military infrastructure."

Saying that the international coalition arrayed against Iraq should "refrain from military action," Dr. Ali observed: "I don't want to go back to a destroyed, ruined Iraq. The Iraqi people shouldn't pay for Saddam's crimes in Kuwait."

Dr. Ali's prescription for peace consists of three elements:

- Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, with the proviso that Iraq can keep possession of Kuwait's northern oil fields and two of its islands (Warbah and Bubiyan) in the Persian Gulf.

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Gulf coverage

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If hostilities break out in the Persian Gulf, we will be working as close to deadline as we can, in order to bring you the most up-to-date coverage possible.

Canada

Okanagan Jews start work on community centre

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

The Okanagan Jewish Community Association (OJCA) headquartered in Kelowna, will start building its community centre in March and hopes to have it ready in time for the High Holidays in September.

That's the word from Mel Kotler, the OJCA's campaign chairman, who announced that the provincial government lottery will give the association \$163,333. This, added to about \$100,000 raised so far in other contributions, has encouraged the building committee to go ahead with the project.

Kotler said he hopes to raise another \$90,000 from sources outside the community as well as in the Okanagan Valley. In addition to Kelowna, the OJCA includes membership from Penticton, Vernon, Summerfield and other communities in the B.C. interior.

Kotler told The CJN he hopes that federations, synagogues and perhaps the

Canadian Jewish Congress in the larger centres in Canada will all contribute to the building fund. Although he agrees that the demand for funds on the Jewish communities is very heavy, Kotler said optimistically, "We'll give them the option of saying no."

The association recently took possession of the contents of the House of Israel Synagogue in Moose Jaw, Sask., which includes 26 padded pews, all Torah accoutrements, new sets of dishes, tallies, siddurim, a tallis rack, a number of textbooks including the Encyclopedia Judaica plus two Torahs.

The centre, which will include space for synagogue services, will be built on a lot purchased by the association some time ago. It will be a two-storey building, each floor occupying 2,500 square feet. It is expected that the centre will serve as the hub of all religious, social and cultural activities for the area.

There are 39 families,

totaling 140 people in the association at present and Kotler thinks there is potential for adding at least another 20 families, as Kelowna is growing rapidly as a retirement centre.

Madeline Dedles is president of the OJCA and Bob Levin is chairman of the building committee.

If you'd like to contribute to the building fund, write to Mel Kotler, 848 Raymer Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 8R3.

The official announcement of the GO BC (lottery) grant was made by Provincial Secretary Howard Dirks, whose ministry includes the multicultural division of the government. Okanagan South MLAs Cliff Serwa and Larry Chalmers joined in the announcement.

Serwa said the building, with hall space and kitchen facilities "will be available to the general public." Chalmers added that it's expected a day care operation will be leasing space in the centre "to provide a much-needed community service."



From left are Linda Bronfman of the New Israel Fund, Rabbi David Forman, Ronny Talmor and Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El. [Chari Cohen photo]

Rabbinical coalition monitors human rights breaches in Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Human rights violations in Israel's territories are "substantial" but are improving slowly, say two Israeli activists.

Rabbi David Forman, founder of the Rabbinic Human Rights Watch, and Ronny Talmor of the group B'Tselem: The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, say the Israeli army is still engaged in widespread violation of Palestinians' human rights.

Talmor and Rabbi Forman, who spoke recently at Temple Emanu-El in a program sponsored by the New Israel Fund, say the army is still sealing or demolishing homes of Palestinians suspected of taking part in the three-year-old intifada at the rate of one every other day.

They say Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip are subjected to a variety of abuses: the banning of over 800 books, use by the army of live ammunition, the closing of schools, midnight searches and the disconnection of telephones and banning of fax machines.

But deaths of Palestinians by shooting has dropped by half and the army is no longer deporting suspected uprising ringleaders, they add.

(A short time later, Israel deported four Palestinians suspected in the stabbing

pected in the stabbing deaths of three Jews in Jaffa in December.)

Palestinians now have the right to appeal to Israel's Supreme Court before the army destroys their home, while Palestinian families deliberately split up in the last three years are being reunited, they say.

Founded in 1988, the Rabbinic Human Rights Watch (RHRW) is a coalition of 90 Israeli rabbis who monitor human rights on the territories and counsel parents of soldiers serving there.

The group comprises Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and the country's two Reconstructionist rabbis, Rabbi Forman, a Reform rabbi, told The CJN.

It was created to deal with the wrenching moral and religious dilemmas of containing the intifada, he added.

"We cry out against a situation that forces Israeli soldiers to compromise their moral and Jewish values. I'm a Jew who lives in a Jewish state and I'm concerned about what we do."

"We offer no solutions but we try to reflect and impart the highest standards of Jewish behavior."

Palestinians can appeal to Supreme Court

It's an extension of who we are as rabbis."

Israel is slowly witnessing the erosion of those Jewish values and Zionist ideals because of violations of Palestinians' "most elemental" rights and the indifference shown by many Israelis, he said.

Rabbi Forman said he has received threats in Israel (the tires on his car were once slashed) and acknowledged his organization is viewed with similar hostility in the Diaspora because Jews outside Israel "have a siege mentality. They believe we can't wash our dirty linen in public because it will provide fodder for the anti-Semites."

"Our feeling is that we're all in this together. I'd like to ask the Diaspora not to be in such awe of us in Israel."

Rabbis in the Rabbinic Human Rights Watch have also been asked to lecture to the army and to counsel individual soldiers who are troubled by the moral and ethical problems they confront.

Founded in 1989, B'Tselem, considered reliable both in Israel and internationally, gathers and publishes information on

human rights abuses in the territories and fosters public debate in Israel, said Talmor, the group's publications editor.

It works closely with Knesset members, other civil and human rights groups and with al-Haq, the Palestinian Human Rights Information Center.

"We don't ignore atrocities committed by Palestinians against Palestinians. We condemn them. And Israelis have a legitimate fear of violence inside Israel, now that the intifada has crossed the Green Line (into Israel proper)."

Talmor said many Israelis repress and deny civil rights abuses of Palestinians, but more and more rank-and-file Jews are saying it cannot go on.

Shooting deaths of Palestinians were reduced to 170 in 1990, compared to over 300 in 1989, she noted.

But the army continues to seal with cinder blocks or blow up homes on the territories. In the past three years, she said, the army has demolished or sealed 1,200 homes.

Talmor said many schools and universities on the territories remain closed.

Both B'Tselem and the Rabbinic Human Rights Watch are beneficiaries of the New Israel Fund, which funds a variety of Israeli organizations dedicated to social justice, women's rights, improving intergroup relations and pluralism.

JDL, Peace Now square off at Network convention

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Representatives of the Jewish Defence League and Peace Now traded insults during a panel discussion at the recent convention of the North American Jewish Students' Network.

JDL director in Canada Meir Halevi likened Jewish leftists to lemmings, small rodents that periodically commit mass suicide, who are trying to bring Israel along with them. He also called them "fifth columnists" and "spiritually sick."

He charged that the presence of groups like Peace Now in Israel is being exploited by the country's Arab enemies. "The Arab knows that (the left) does their work for them. When they see indecision among the army and police, they are encouraged to escalate their violence."

Halevi also blasted the New Israel Fund which raises money here, among whose directors are two former presidents of Canadian Jewish Congress, Milton Harris and Irwin Cotler, he said, as well as York University history professor Irving Abella; Jews for a Just Peace and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

These groups and others have weakened Israel by their opposition to the closure of Arab universities, deportations and collective punishments of Arab offenders and concern for human rights in the occupied territories he said.

Such Jews, he claimed, are "riddled with guilt" and lead the Jewish people



Meir Halevi

to "self-destruction."

Guttman, a Montreal pediatrician, criticized the organizers of the Network convention for giving a platform to a representative of a "party that has been banned by the Israeli parliament." (Both the JDL and the Kach party in Israel were founded and led by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane.)

He accused the movement Halevi represents as holding "bigoted, racist views."

He noted a contradiction between Canadian Jews' applauding the recent Supreme Court decision "that racist views will not be tolerated" and a national Jewish students' organization inviting a JDL leader to speak at its convention.

He described members of Peace Now as moderates from both the left and right whose main concern is the security of Israel. "The security risk of remaining an occupation army far outweighs the security benefit of keeping the territories," said Guttman who served

in the 1967 war, while continuing his medical training in Israel.

"The West Bank and Gaza occupation is a cancer eating at the fabric of the Israeli army and society and moral values of a Zionist state."

Guttman said the road to peace is through "step by step" confidence-building measures between moderate Israelis and Palestinians.

Halevi, however, set forth quite a different agenda. Arab "terrorists" (which he later described as those who kill Jews) should be executed within two weeks of conviction; a "certain" number of relatives of perpetrators of terrorist acts should be deported; the foreign press should be barred from "sensitive" areas because their presence encourages rioting; and Canadian groups — Jewish or non-Jewish — who provide moral or financial support to Israel's enemies should be exposed. He said he does not believe there are any moderates among the Palestinians.

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*Adjudicator finds Rudolph participated in war crimes***Nazi rocket scientist barred from entering Canada**By
PAUL LUNGEN**TORONTO —**

An immigration adjudicator last week barred former Nazi rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph from Canada, despite accepting entirely the scientist's version of wartime events.

Moments after adjudicator William Willoughby announced his decision, Rudolph's lawyer asserted her client's name had been "cleared" and the "wild accusations" against him had been dismissed. The ruling "vindicates" Rudolph, said Barbara Kulaszka, and "does not

uphold" the most serious allegations levelled against him in the United States.

Willoughby determined that as manager of the V-2 rocket project at the Mittelwerk factory from September 1943 to March 1945, Rudolph committed war crimes and crimes against humanity by assisting in the use of slave labor at the factory.

He rejected, however, charges of cruelty and inhumane treatment of prisoners.

Willoughby said his finding means Rudolph will not be allowed into Canada, though the decision can be appealed within 15 days.

Last week's finding marks the culmination of a process kicked off by Rudolph and his supporters on July 1 when the retired rocket scientist arrived in Toronto from his home in Hamburg ostensibly to meet his daughter and U.S. backers.

Rudolph is barred from entering the United States under the terms of a Nov. 1983 agreement with the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations in which he agreed not to contest allegations he assisted in the persecution of civilians at Mittelwerk.

Rudolph had been brought to the United

States in 1947 as part of Project Paperclip — an operation by U.S. authorities to utilize the scientific skills of German scientists. Rudolph worked on various military and civilian rocket projects until he retired in 1969.

In 1983, he was confronted with allegations of his wartime past and agreed to leave the country rather than face prosecution.

His arrival in July was widely perceived as an attempt to pave the way for his return to the United States and Kulaszka told reporters last week that the hearing "was a chance for him in a public forum to justify his position."

While Kulaszka claimed Rudolph successfully did so, spokesmen for Jewish groups pointed to the order that bars him from Canada.

"One can see this decision as chalking up a loss for those in the United States who've been attempting to whitewash the past of a number of people suspected of Nazi war crimes, and who have been attempting to derail the efforts of those institutions in the U.S. which are charged with the responsibility of bringing war criminals to justice," said Manuel Prutschi, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.



Barbara Kulaszka claims Rudolph vindicated.

"If he has a problem with the decision against him (there), the court system in the United States is the proper venue for him," he added.

Lawyer Mendel Green, speaking on behalf of B'nai B'rith Canada, applauded the decision while adding "I don't think it went perhaps far enough in some of the allegations that were

against him. ... Canada is no place for Nazis."

In his 20-page decision, Willoughby dismissed most of the allegations against Rudolph, presented by Justice Department lawyers Donald MacIntosh and Nanette Rosen.

He rejected contentions that Rudolph participated in internment of civilians in inhumane conditions, treat-

ing laborers cruelly or doing little to alleviate their plight.

Willoughby said he accepted Rudolph's version of events: "The best evidence and the really essential evidence came from the testimony of Mr. Rudolph at this inquiry." Other evidence "was not as credible or trustworthy as the evidence Rudolph gave."

Crown raises 36 grounds*High Court to hear appeal in Finta case***TORONTO —**

Canada's first-ever war crimes case continues its lengthy odyssey through the courts next Monday when the Ontario Court of Appeal will hear legal arguments in the Imre Finta case.

Five court days have been set aside for legal arguments.

Crown lawyers Christopher Amerasinghe and Tom Lemon have raised 36 grounds of appeal in asking the High Court to overturn Finta's acquittal and order a new trial.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie has raised 27 points in response, asking that the 1987 war crimes legislation be ruled unconstitutional.

Finta, 77, was acquitted last May following an eight-month trial in which he was charged with four counts each of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Prosecutors alleged that as a gendarme captain, Finta was in command of a brickyard concentration camp in the southern Hungarian city of Szeged in June 1944, when 8,617 Jews were rounded up, robbed of their property and placed on trains bound for Auschwitz and Austrian slave labor camps.

He was charged with robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the deaths of an unspecified number of train deportees.

A jury deliberated for about 13 hours before acquitting him on all counts.

In its appeal documents, the Crown argued that trial judge Archie Campbell erred in numerous instances:

- that he should not have permitted into evidence a hearsay statement made in 1947

that suggested Finta may not have been in command of the brickyard.

- that he misdirected the jury on the use of eyewitness identification of Finta.

- that Christie, in his address to the jury "made various improper and inflammatory remarks which misstated to the jury its duty."

- that Christie intimidated the jury and improperly compared the trial judge and jury to a military officer in a hierarchy of command "in an attempt to suggest (Finta's) defence of obedience to superior orders."

In a supplementary ground of appeal filed recently, the Crown also alleged Christie "appealed to religious, racist or ethnic prejudice against Jews."

For its part, the defence contended that the 1987 war crimes legislation violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and should be struck down.

Other defence grounds are that the judge erred in holding crimes against humanity existed in law in 1944 and that he erred by not excluding commission evidence videotaped in Hungary and Israel and played back in court before the jury.

The Finta case, though the first of its kind in Canada, was followed by war crimes charges against Renfrew resident Michael Pawlawski and Stephen Reistetter of St. Catharines.

Pawlawski is charged with multiple counts of murder in connection with the shootings of Jews and Poles in Byelorussia in 1942, while Reistetter, a former Nazi party official in the puppet state of Slovakia, is charged with kidnapping in connection with the deportation of Jews. P.L.

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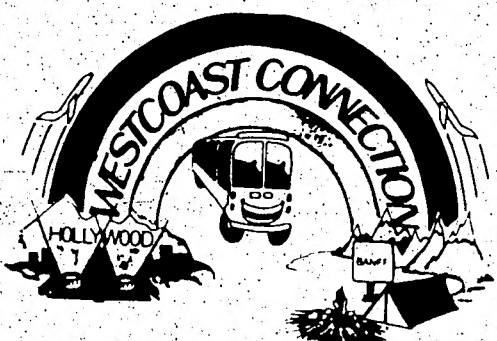
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Israel

Temple Mount riot was Arab-inspired, says witness

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Oct. 8 Temple Mount riot, which left 19 Palestinians dead and earned Israel condemnation at the United Nations, was not the result of Arabs defending themselves against Jewish zealots, says the man who was to have led a religious ceremony to the Mount that day.

"Today, most people believe Jews instigated the riot. This shows a readiness on the part of Jews to accept blame subconsciously for their own existence," Reuven Prager, an American Orthodox Jew who lives in Jerusalem, told The CJN in a telephone interview from Detroit, where he was conducting private business.

Prager says the riot, which also left more than 140 Jews and Arabs injured following a battle with Jerusalem police, was an Arab-inspired, premeditated act of violence against Jews.

(Just prior to The CJN's interview with Prager, press reports stated that only days before the incident, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, Jordan's King Hussein and PLO chief Yasser Arafat met to discuss ways of escalating the intifada).

Many reports following the riot quoted Palestinian Arabs as saying they hurled stones onto Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall below them as a defence against the Temple Mount Faithful, a small group of Jewish zealots who want to establish the

Third Temple on the current site of the Mount,

which includes two mosques considered to be Islam's third holiest places.

For Prager, Monday, Oct. 8 began when he was asked by Gershon Salomon, head of the Temple Mount Faithful, to lead a little-known, ancient rite carried out on Chol Hamoed Sukkot.

The ceremony, known as Simchat Bet ha'Shoeva (the rejoicing of the place of water-drawing), involves drawing water from Silwan Pool in the City of David and carrying it in

large vessels to the Temple. It was discontinued after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., but revived in the past few years by some ultra-Orthodox Jews, who carry

the water to the Western Wall.

By coincidence, Oct. 8 was also the day of the *birkot Kohanim*, the annual priestly blessing of the masses. Prager says more Jews gather at the Western Wall on that day than any other.

Prager, who is not a member of the Temple Mount Faithful, said he was in the middle of the ceremony and was accompanied by all 30 or so members of the group outside the walls of the Old City in the mid-morning, when "pandemonium" broke out at the Mount, which is inside the walls.

He said the estimated 20,000 Jews who had been at the Wall early that morning were now mostly outside Dung Gate and "I heard 'pop, pop, pop' in-

side — the sound of gunfire (from police).

"We were not trying to claim or defend the Mount. We never even got inside the gate. The Arab claim that they threw stones to protect themselves against us is a lie. They simply chose the day when there are more Jews at the Wall than ever."

Prager said that when he

got a glimpse of the plaza surrounding the Wall, "it looked like a gravel parking lot. There were rocks the size of a fist, metal pipes and chunks of wood. It took four dump trucks to take it all away."

He said the riot had to be planned in advance.

"There are never 3,000 Arabs at the Mount on a Monday afternoon. And it

must have taken a week to get that many stones up there. It wasn't noticed because Jews don't have equal access to the Mount.

"Whoever dreamed it up gets an A. They even have Jews believing it."

Prager says Jews must have access to the complete Temple Mount to ensure that a similar incident does not occur again.



Police commissioner Ya'acov Turner explains to a member of the Temple Mount Faithful by the Western Wall why the police will not permit access to the Temple Mount. [IPPA photo]

Chelmno will is made public

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The will written by the last 47 Jews to survive the Chelmno death camp, describing their story and calling for revenge for the deaths of the 350,000 Jews killed there, has been made public for the first time.

"To the attention of the happy man who finds this notebook," the document begins. "Please read the contents carefully and pass it on to everyone, and also to the members of our families still alive, those who were far away from this horrible tragedy."

The rare original document, which until now had not been seen in the West, became available by agreement between the Soviet State Archives and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Authority in Jerusalem.

Its existence has been known since the end of the Second World War, when Iliya Ehrenburg documented Nazi war crimes in "The Black Book." But the Soviet authorities banned publication of the book and only one copy was smuggled out of the Soviet Union.

It is not a will in the legal sense, but a description of the fate of the Chelmno inmates, a farewell to their

families and an appeal to future generations never to forget.

The document, dated Jan. 9, 1945, was drafted by the 47 Jews the Nazis had kept alive to dismantle the Chelmno crematories and destroy other evidence of the death factory before Soviet troops reached the camp, situated in the Lodz district of Poland.

Document describes background

The document describes the backgrounds of the 47, their professions and what they endured at various Nazi camps until they reached the final one at Chelmno.

Berek Wittenfeld, one of the 47, wrote "When I see how the thousands of innocent Jews are being murdered, my heart is torn up inside me. I am only 16, but they have chained my feet like a criminal."

Another testimonial describes the hopelessness

of the inmates. "Armed soldiers are standing around me. What can I do?" one prisoner wrote.

"Tell my brothers, Yitzhak Laser and Mordechai Motek, and my sister, Hava in Moscow about my fate, about my last wish before my death."

"Whoever finds this, please revenge the tens of thousands of Jews that were slaughtered here."

Although 47 names were listed at the end, only 10 Jews actually signed the will, probably for lack of time. It was smuggled out of the camp to a Polish farmer, who passed it on to Red Army headquarters nearby.

The Chelmno will was translated from the original Polish into Russian and the translation sent to the Soviet State Archives in Moscow, where it remained until now.

An estimated 360,000 Jews were murdered at Chelmno between 1942-45. Only two survived.

Martin Gilbert's definitive work, *The Holocaust: A History of the Jews of Europe During the Second World War*, describes the circumstances of their survival.

"On Jan. 17, at Chelmno, the SS prepared to murder the surviving members of the special Commando which, for the previous 2½ months had been forced to dismantle the crematoria," Martin wrote.

"A hundred Jews had been put to this work. By mid-January, only 41 were still alive."

On the night of Jan. 17, the SS took the survivors out of their barracks in groups of five and shot them to death.

One was Shimon Strebnik, who was in the first group to be shot. He was wounded, albeit seriously, and survived.

The other survivor was Mordechai Zurawski, who acquired a knife, stabbed an SS man and managed to escape, though wounded in the foot.

According to Dr. Shmuel Karkovsky, head of the Yad Vashem Archives, it is "a rare document written by desperate Jews."

He said "This is one of the most horrifying documents I have ever seen. When I received it, I couldn't sleep all night. This will signifies the defeat of the Germans."

Ali says U.S. troops should leave Gulf

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•The simultaneous withdrawal of U.S. forces from the gulf and their replacement by a peace-keeping force, preferably an Arab one.

•The tightening of international sanctions against Iraq, with food and medical supplies to be exempted.

Claiming that Saddam is in "imminent danger of being overthrown," Dr. Ali urged world governments to withdraw diplomatic recognition of Iraq and recognize the opposition, so as to encourage an anti-Saddam coup d'etat in

Baghdad.

Late last month, the leaders of 15 Iraqi opposition groups met in Beirut and announced they were joining forces to topple Saddam's regime.

Dr. Ali likened Saddam to "an unguided missile which can fall on any one's head; he can invade another country."

He said that Saddam has committed "so many crimes" that he merits execution.

Forecasting that Saddam would attempt to prolong the crisis "to maximize his gains," Dr. Ali said Iraq will pull out of Kuwait "a few seconds" before a U.S. attack.

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SOVIET IMMIGRANTS GOING HUNGRY

Dozens of Soviet immigrant families have recently turned up at the Immigration Information Centre in Netanya saying they don't have enough money to buy food, the head of the centre said last week.

Moshe Shamir, who founded and runs the centre sponsored jointly by the municipality and the Association of American and Canadian Israelis (AACI), said that food parcels from volunteers often sustain these people until they can find odd jobs.

He said that the new arrivals don't have enough money for food, even though they receive a basket of services from the Absorption Ministry, because landlords demand six months rent in advance.

BULGARIAN ALIYA ON THE INCREASE

Bulgaria, which has about 6,000 Jews, is likely to soon become fourth on the list of countries supplying olim after the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Argentina, according to aliya officials.

Emigration has soared since Sofia and Jerusalem resumed diplomatic relations last May. Some 200 Bulgarians a month are expected to arrive this year.

TOURISM PLUMMETS

While a wave of olim is inundating Israel, tourism has dropped off precipitously. In December, there were 63,000 visitors, 42 per cent fewer than in the same period in 1989, the Tourism Ministry announced last week.

The total for 1990 was 1,367,800 foreign tourists, a decline of only four per cent over the previous year. But most of the visitors arrived before the Gulf crisis erupted Aug. 2.

DIASPORA MUSEUM FACES CLOSURE

The Diaspora Museum in Ramat Aviv may have to shut down for lack of money and cannot pay its employees their December salaries, museum director Eli Eyal said last week.

Like the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Beth Hatefutsoth has faced dwindling admission revenues related to the fall off in tourism since August.

GIVE US 10 TIMES MORE, SHARON SAYS

American Jews should be contributing 10 times more to Israel for immigrant absorption than is currently the case, Ariel Sharon told a group of U.S. rabbis on an Israel Bonds mission last week.

The \$600 million (U.S.) Operation Exodus campaign should be 10 times bigger, the aliya cabinet head said, adding the \$789 million (U.S.) in bonds sold last year is "very little." American Jewry, he insisted, can do "much more than that."

WJC head, Gorbachev hold rare meeting

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The head of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, held a rare hour-long meeting at the Kremlin with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, only days before the brutal crackdown on supporters of Lithuanian independence.

Gorbachev has refused to condemn the actions of Soviet paratroopers, which resulted in the deaths of 13 protesters in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, although he said the decision to open fire was made by the troops' local commander.

The WJC leaders reported that during their Jan. 8 meeting, Gorbachev indicated there was "an open door" for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to discuss all matter of the Arab-Israeli conflict with the Soviet Union.

Bronfman's encounter with Gorbachev enabled the increasingly embattled Soviet leader "to demonstrate that glasnost continues on a straight line," said Israel Singer, WJC secretary-general, who accompanied Bronfman to Moscow.

If Gorbachev continues to let Jews out of the Soviet Union, "it indicates that he is still the head of a democratic country," and that "he is still continuing one of the areas of his greatest relaxation of previous (Soviet) behavior," Singer said.

Singer made his com-

ments before the bloody events in Vilnius took place.

The WJC delegation, which included its executive director, Elan Steinberg, also met with Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian republic, who has occasionally shown support for anti-Semitic elements in the Soviet Union.

Yeltsin told the WJC delegation he is a "staunch opponent of anti-Semitism" and would soon

be issuing a statement "asking for tolerance and equal protection for all national minorities," Steinberg reported. Rumors that Yeltsin was anti-Semitic made it important that he make the statement, Steinberg said.

Soviet leaders stressed that the Soviet Union continues to support the UN Security Council resolutions on enforcing Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, Singer and Steinberg said.

Singer described their meeting with outgoing Foreign Secretary Eduard Shevardnadze as "most moving." He said it was clear that Shevardnadze fully planned to go ahead with his resignation.

He apparently felt "somebody had to speak up of a danger of backsliding," and that "he should not lend his name to what he thought was a process that was in danger," Singer said.



Edgar Bronfman



Boris Yeltsin

Moscow wants Jew turned over

Soviets blast Canadian "meddling"

By BEN ROSE
TORONTO —

Despite a condemnation from the Soviet Foreign Ministry that it is meddling in its internal affairs, the Canadian Embassy in Moscow is continuing to offer refuge to a Soviet Jew who wants to go to Israel. He has been in the Embassy since Jan. 2.

Dmitri Berman, 26, who was cleared of a murder charge on appeal last January, sought refuge after Soviet authorities refused him an exit visa for Israel, told him he is to be retried on the murder charge, and confiscated his passport and other papers.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry announced Jan. 10 that Berman will be tried again and not allowed to go

to Israel.

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews said a retrial on a previously reversed charge contradicts the double jeopardy principle of rule of law.

His brother Igor told Canadian Press that Dmitri would rather spend 10 years holed up in the Embassy than be returned to a Soviet prison for half an hour.

However, Igor also told the news agency that his brother would be willing to stand trial on the murder charge again if international observers are present.

Dmitri has filed documents with the National Council of Soviet Jewry's Moscow Bureau alleging beatings and torture in prison, including the injection of mind-altering drugs, which forced him to sign a

confession. He said he also tried to commit suicide in prison and has sent a letter to President Mikhail Gorbachev threatening suicide.

Dmitri was charged in 1988 with the murder of a Moldavian soldier in the Red Army in the Ukrainian city of Nikolayev, where he lives. He served two years of a sentence of 13 years of hard labor before the appeal set him free.

Seven other members of his family and relatives, including his father, Lev, and his brother, Igor, are scheduled to leave for Israel Jan. 24 on exit visas.

Canada is prepared to consider an application from Dmitri to immigrate to Canada, Guy Archambault, a spokesman for Canada's External Affairs

Department, told The CJN.

Canada's ambassador to the Soviet Union, Vernon Turner, met with Deputy Foreign Minister Petrovsky on Jan. 7, he said.

Archambault expressed surprise at the charge of meddling against the Embassy because up to now their reaction to Berman being in the Embassy has been quite mild. There will be no comment from External Affairs on the meddling charge, he said.

The ambassador will continue his contacts with Foreign Ministry officials in an effort to resolve the situation to everyone's satisfaction, he added.

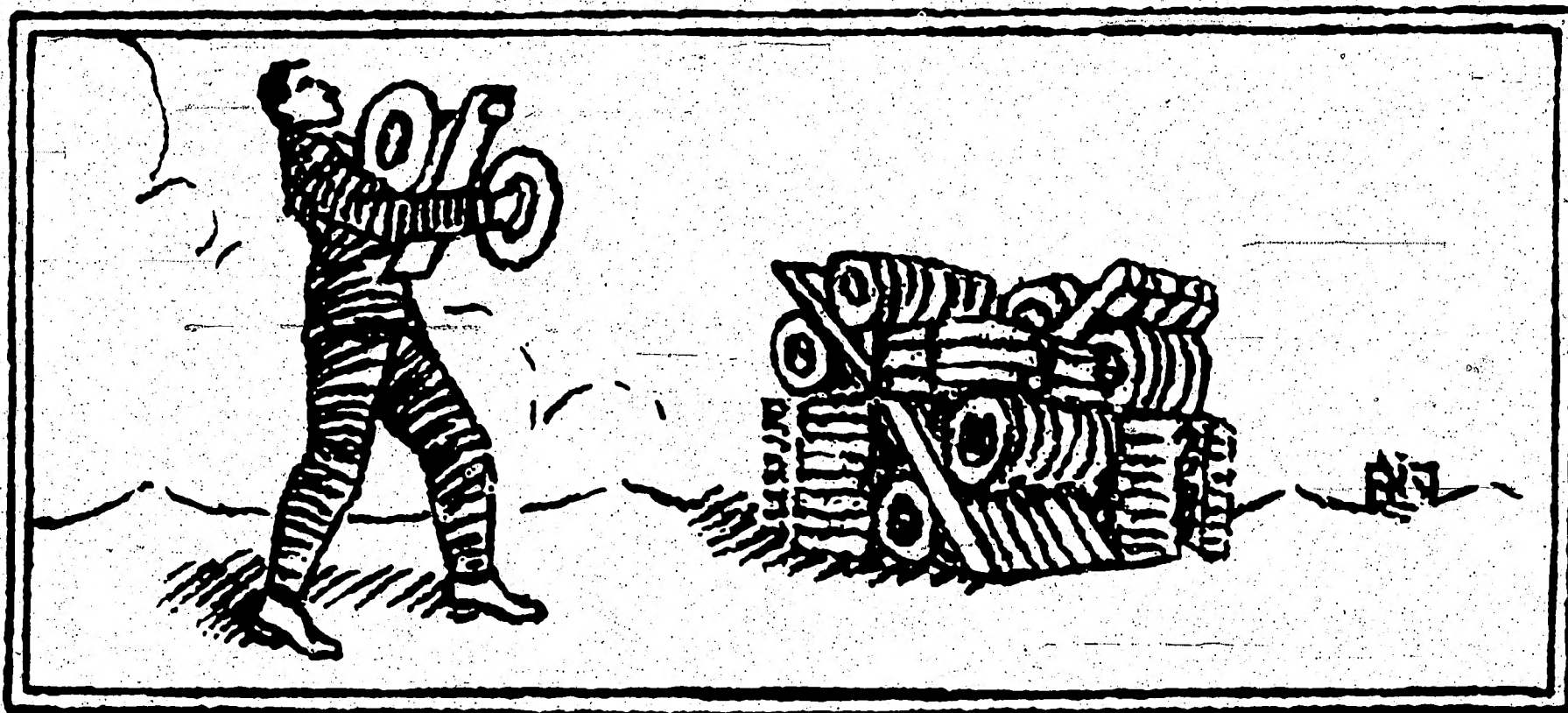
Vitaly Churkin, the Foreign Ministry's official spokesman, believes Canada is interfering in the Soviet legal system. He

said it has created "a very grave situation."

Churkin did not say whether the Soviet government has asked the Canadian Embassy to turn Dmitri over or what steps it might take.

Dmitri is being allowed to stay inside the Embassy on a day-to-day basis, according to Canadian officials.

Igor told Canadian Press that his brother is being persecuted because he is a Jew, that Nikolayev court officials have a vendetta against him because their own necks are on the line because the conviction was quashed, and that Moscow submitted to pressure from the Moldavian Popular Front in the neighboring republic to have him tried again.



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Shelef presents credentials as Israel's new ambassador

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Despite frigid temperatures outside, Itzhak Shelef was given a warm reception by the Governor-General here recently when he became His Excellency, the Ambassador of Israel to Canada.

At a brief formal ceremony at Rideau Hall, Shelef, 54, presented Gov. Gen. Ramon Hnatyshyn with the Letter of Credence from Israeli President Chaim Herzog accrediting him as Israel's 12th envoy to serve in Canada.

Shelef, and his wife, Malka, are no strangers to a Canadian winter. Shelef served as minister-counsellor at the Israeli Embassy from 1981 to 1985, and describes Canada as a country which he has "grown to love and admire."

Shelef told Hnatyshyn that "Israel today faces two tasks which touch the core of its very existence." The humanitarian ingathering and resettlement of thousands of Jews, especially from Eastern Europe and Africa, "represent an immense challenge for the Government and the people of Israel," he said.

Because of the Gulf crisis and the threat to Israel's existence, Shelef said that, at the same time, Israel has had to focus all of its resources on maintaining and strengthening its own defence systems, for the



New Israeli Ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef.

very survival of Israel's people.

Hnatyshyn, while acknowledging that the current Gulf crisis is a threat to both world and regional peace and stability, emphasized that "Canada will not allow itself to be distracted from supporting Israel's continued existence as an independent state, within secure and recognized boundaries."

Canada remains "committed to finding realistic solutions to the challenges that Israel is facing today," he said.

Both Hnatyshyn and Shelef cited the substantial ties that unite Canada and Israel. Hnatyshyn said that "the depth of our relationship" was exemplified not only by official visits, such as Herzog's arrival in

Canada last year, and Secretary of State Joe Clark's November trip to Israel, but by bilateral agreements and programs such as the recently-concluded educational agreement between the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the University of Ottawa.

Hnatyshyn said that they represented the "individual pieces of a solid foundation of our bilateral relations which, if properly maintained, will endure and even expand over the years to come."

Present in the ballroom of Rideau Hall were members of the Governor-General's household staff, all members and their wives of the Israeli missions in Canada, including Toronto's consul-general, Benjamin Abileah and Montreal's consul-general, Itzhak Levanon, Pierrette Lucas, chief of protocol for external affairs and the acting director-general, Middle East bureau, external affairs, Richard Kohler.

Following the ceremony, Shelef and Hnatyshyn met privately while Government House hosted a small reception for those attending.

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WZO stresses importance for youth to make aliya

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A World Zionist Organization official told Canadian Jewish students that Israel is the "only possible home" for Jews if they are not to succumb to assimilation.

Speaking at the recent convention of the North American Jewish Students' Network, Shlomo Gravetz said the Jews' "emancipation" in the West has carried the price of "total integration in their foreign societies."

Gravetz, who is chairman of the WZO students department, said the imprisonment of Jonathan Pollard for spying for Israel was the United States' way of teaching American Jews the lesson about dual loyalties.

This episode prompted a number of expressions by prominent American Jews who "felt obliged to apologize for dual loyalty, to express total loyalty."

To Gravetz, this shows that Jews "can't keep a separate identity in American society."

Gravetz claimed that every day 800 Jews are being lost through assimilation, or 300,000 a year. "Whatever Jews we are gaining from Russia, we are losing in the Western world."

Gravetz, a leader of Betar, the youth movement affiliated with the Herut party, is a high school principal in southern Israel.

Gravetz also objects to the term "diaspora," favoring the harsher "galut" to describe the Jewish community outside Israel.

"Diaspora sounds nicer, that Jews have freely dispersed," he said.

The only possibility of staying Jewish in the galut is either through "extreme Orthodoxy" or Zionism, which means preparing for eventual aliya.

Jewish youth should be in the forefront of stemming the tide of assimilation and bringing the community closer to Israel.

Convention delegates heard a similar tune from Israeli consul in Montreal Shalom Cohen, who said he was surprised at how little Jews here know about Jewish traditions, and is appalled that only 10-20 per cent of Diaspora Jews have visited Israel.

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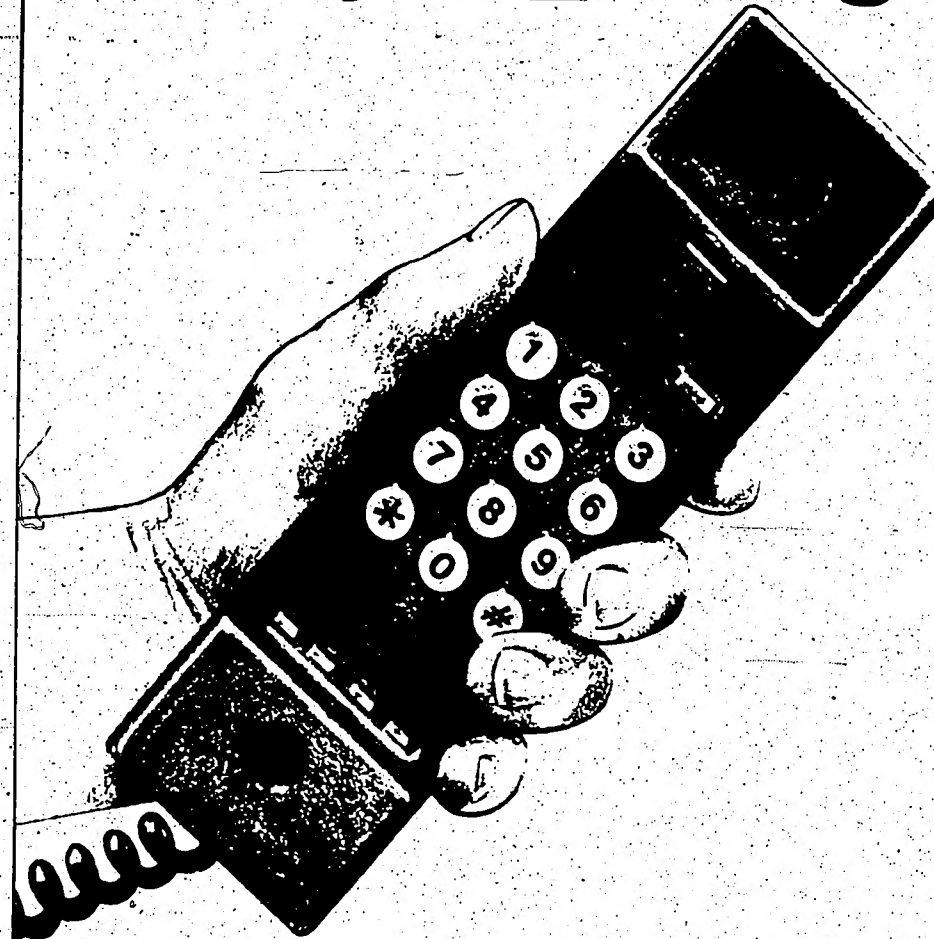
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Defies travel advisories

Seniors' group heads to Israel for two month stay

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Defying Iraqi threats, External Affairs travel advisories and entreaties from their families, a group of determined seniors took off for Israel Jan. 7 for a two-month stay.

"I say, where is it safe in the world, anyway? I was held up in my garage," said Jean Small, 72, one of 12 Montrealers out of 26 Canadians and Americans mostly aged 65

and over who left as part of the Jewish National Fund's annual CARI program (Canadian Active Retirees in Israel), a volunteer work and travel program launched in 1983 and in Canada two years later.

"They (my family) all tried to discourage me. Everyone was getting pressure."

But the group was bent on carrying through with the trip. "I feel safe in Israel," she said. "It's necessary that we go."

Besides, she added,

"What's the point in postponing? The situation (in the Gulf) will last a long time."

Small was instrumental in getting the Canadian CARI group off the ground in 1985 and has been going each year. She said she, like the other participants, had to resist strong pressure from family members not to go — in her own case coming from a daughter, two sisters and a brother.

Nonetheless, "I'm not nervous," Small said a few days before taking off,

although "I got a little nervous speaking to my daughter. From what I heard, children have really been giving a hard time."

Small did concede reservations among group members, herself included. Five participants out of Montreal's 12 are going with CARI for the first time although, she believed, all have previously been to Israel.

For their own peace of mind, the group called up

Meyer Malka, JNF's Canadian representative in Jerusalem, who tried to allay their fears.

He "reassured us everything is ready and that we're needed," Small said. "He told us Europeans and the Russians (Jews) were still coming."

The situation this year, nonetheless, has forced JNF to downsize the program. The organization quashed plans for its other, three-month CARI program and the number going for the two-month program is much smaller than in previous years.

"It's very sad," Small said, since original hopes were for a banner year.

As far as Small knew, only one couple from Toronto changed their minds and bowed out of the trip.

Still, spirits were high before departure, Small said, and the group looked

forward to the trip, which combines hands-on volunteer work, touring and real interaction with average Israelis compared to the type of exposure average tourists get.

The program this year involves working in JNF's forests near Netanya performing tasks like trimming trees a couple of days per week, followed by two weeks of touring.

But Small said the real benefit of the CARI program has come from the lasting friendships formed with Israelis, of getting a "feel of the people," including helping Israeli teens fine tune their English language skills before they graduate.

Some of the seniors are still corresponding with the teens and "I think most of us feel like partial Israelis. Israel is very much a part of us. Now they say thank you for coming."

Small noted also that

since the three-year-old intifada has not put a crimp in the CARI program or itinerary in Israel, there would be little purpose served by letting the Gulf Crisis set a precedent. Like last year, the group is slated to hook up again with JNF's planned "mega-mission" to Israel next month, with more CARI participation than in 1990.

But she acknowledged the mega-mission's scope could be curtailed by Mideast events.

Small did not scoff at Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's threat to attack Tel Aviv, but neither was she or her group about to be intimidated by it.

She also didn't think advancing years had anything to do with the decision to carry on with the trip.

The alternative was to stay home and "we decided that we gotta go," she said.

Attis keeps composure on stand

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —

For Moncton resident David Attis, a recent 4½-day ordeal on the witness stand was the most difficult experience of his life.

Testifying at a Human Rights Commission hearing into a complaint against the city's District 15 school board, Attis found the experience "emotionally and mentally draining and physically exhausting."

But it is something he would be prepared to undergo again, believing it's the price that had to be paid to substantiate his complaint against the board that by continuing to employ teacher Malcolm Ross, it was fostering a climate of anti-Semitism and intolerance.

What made his testimony so difficult was not knowing where Ross's lawyer Doug Christie would take his questions next.

Grilled on everything from the New Testament to the Holocaust, to Israeli politics to freedom of speech, Attis could never really prepare in advance.

But his nimble mind and quick retorts earned him the respect of many in Moncton, as did his daughter Yona's courage in standing up to the sometimes intimidating questioning offered up by Christie.

Yona, 14, broke down in tears on several occasions during cross-examination, but continued after she composed herself.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Manuel Prutschi, who monitored the proceedings, lauded the courage displayed by the Attises, as well as Leigh Lampert, a 13-year-old student who told about witnessing a supply teacher and student exchange the Nazi straight-arm salute.

As a result of the national news coverage of the hearing, which will resume on April 22, Yona Attis has received more than 300 pieces of mail from across the country — not one of which is negative, her father said.

The letters come from as far west as Vancouver and as far east as St. John's, and include a batch of more than 100 from Jewish stu-

dents in Toronto and Montreal.

One letter, Attis said, was sent from a non-Jewish handicapped person who said Yona's courage set an example to people from minorities to stand up for their rights.

Some people are critical of him for allowing his daughter to undergo the gruelling cross-examination.

"My response was that she wanted to do it," Attis

said. "She'd had enough" of the anti-Semitic taunts and vilification she experienced in school.

The traumatic testimony, which quickly made the Attises national figures, was the culmination of a long-standing effort by many in Moncton to tackle a problem they traced back to Malcolm Ross.

Attis, a former national officer of CJC, said the hearing "opened the eyes of Canadians to an attitude

of racism that's below the surface in Canada."

Most Canadians have goodwill to minorities but "the majority culture is non-sensitive to me and my daughter being called a 'goddamn Jew'," he said. If the hearing gives Canadians a sensitivity to minority cultures, then it will accomplish a great deal for Canada — it'll be a "win/win situation for all Canadians."



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Service to Israel volunteers are given flowers by women soldiers as they arrived in Israel recently. [IPPA photo]

U.S. Jews coming to Israel to display their support



TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The flood of foreigners leaving Israel is being balanced in part by arriving groups of American Jews, determined to display their solidarity with Israel even though it could become the target of Iraqi missiles should war break out in the Persian Gulf.

The visitors include 100 Jewish senior citizens who arrived on a three-month B'nai B'rith volunteer program in Netanya and a 270-member mission sponsored by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. It will join a 250-member group from Atlanta already here.

Smaller missions from the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and the Midwest Region of the United Jewish Appeal were due to arrive by the end of last week.

Other Jewish groups had missions in progress, according to the National Committee for Tourism to Israel in New York.

Meanwhile, the wave of departures appears to have crested. The lounge at Ben-Gurion Airport where travellers wait for outgoing flights was less crowded

last Wednesday than earlier in the week. And the lines at the checkout counters were shorter.

Airport officials reported 7,385 departures on Sunday and 4,736 on Monday. But those figures were lower than on the corresponding dates a year ago, when the numbers were 8,245 and 7,282 passengers respectively.

Tourism down

The explanation is that tourism is sharply down, so there are fewer foreigners to leave.

The rush to get out of the country seems to have been triggered less by war fears than by the decision of major foreign air carriers to suspend or curtail service to Tel Aviv and other Middle East destinations because of soaring insurance rates.

Transport Minister Mo-

she Katsav has urged foreign governments to try to persuade their national air carriers to resume normal service to Israel. So far, he has had little success.

The number of airlines no longer flying here reached eight on Jan. 9, when Spain's Iberia Airlines and Turkish Airlines announced their service would be suspended. Four other carriers have reduced the number of weekly flights.

They include British Airways, and Dan-Air, a British charter service that suspended flights until the end of February.

Both companies cited reduced demand and higher insurance rates.

El Al, Israel's national airline, said it would accept any passengers stranded by another airline.

The foreign residents already out of the country include foreign athletes who played on Israeli basketball and soccer teams. Several international tournaments scheduled to have been played in Israel have been cancelled or postponed.

Meanwhile, Israel Radio and Television have been giving the public free advice from psychologists and psychiatrists on how to cope with anxiety brought on by the war fever.

Israelis are being told not to bottle up but to verbalize their fears and to try to distract themselves with work or hobbies. Said one expert: "It's normal to be worried but not to panic."

Iraqi strength downplayed

Quick U.S. victory predicted

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Two former Israel Defence Force generals are predicting that a Persian Gulf war would end quickly with an American victory.

Mordechai Gur, a Labor member of the Knesset and former IDF chief of staff, depicted Iraq as a paper tiger.

Saddam Hussein's feared military might is little more than "a huge bubble of deceit," Gur said. He added that if war breaks out, it will be "brief and decisive" in favor of the U.S.-led coalition.

While Gur believes the crisis can be settled with the defeat of the Iraqi army, reserve Maj. Gen. Yehoshafat Harkabi, a former chief of military intelligence, maintained that the only way to remove the Iraqi military threat from the region is to eliminate the regime of Saddam Hussein.

But the United States is not eager for this because it would create a power vacuum, offer new options to Iran and "open wounds" in the Middle



Mordechai Gur [Graphic Artists photo]

East, Harkabi said in a telephone interview with the Israeli daily Ha'aretz from Princeton University, where he is on sabbatical leave.

He agreed with Gur that the Americans could achieve victory over Iraq in less than a week. He warned, however, that victories unaccompanied by political settlements have proven temporary.

Gur said the American ground forces need not oc-

cupy the area under Iraqi control. It is necessary only to shake the Iraqi army loose from its dug-in positions and then take advantage of superior American air power.

He suggested that the U.S.-led coalition adopt the strategy followed by the IDF in the 1967 Six-Day War and in the second stage of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, which was to force the enemy into the

open and strike fast.

Gur said the military potential of the Iraqi army is "definitely limited." He said the half-million Iraqi soldiers deployed in Kuwait are mostly infantrymen without combat experience.

The Iraqis could not win their eight-year war with Iran, he pointed out.

"Saddam Hussein used chemical artillery even to defend his own borders, because his combat units could not withstand the Iraqis at a time when the Iraqis did not have a single plane in the air," Gur said.

He advised the Americans to remember they are not facing German or Japanese soldiers.

There is no need to "soften" the Iraqi army with artillery or air raids. "That army must be hit strongly, shaken and then each unit must be 'eaten' one by one, both from the air and the land," Gur said.

Iraq's reputed armed might is nothing more than hype and clever use of the world media, he said.

Hebrew U. alters exam times

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Skittish officials at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem moved up the mid-term exam schedule for foreign students so that those wishing to leave Israel before the Jan. 15 UN deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait would not forfeit their first semester.

The exams, originally scheduled after classes ended on Jan. 25, were advanced to Jan. 8 through 10. For those not flying out, lectures will continue as originally planned.

There are 85 Canadians enrolled at HU's Rothberg School for Overseas Students, almost all of them undergraduates. Tova Glass, the academic affairs co-ordinator for the Canadian Friends of HU, was unable to say how many have returned to Canada in anticipation of a potential Middle East war breaking out.

In an interview last Monday on CTV news, four Canadian Jewish students in Jerusalem spoke about being caught in a possible major conflict.

CTV's Mideast correspondent Martin Himel reported the university's adjustment of its exam timetable prompted many parents to call their children and urge them to come home.

Robert Merrick of Toronto said his decision to leave was not "deserting" but bowing to parental pressure.

But Shanna Brail, also of Toronto, said she was so far undecided about returning to Canada.

Referring to the gas mask he had been issued, David Laurie of Montreal said he was staying and

thought he would be well taken care of.

Joe Ross of London, Ont. said he was making a statement by remaining. "I want to prove to myself and to the people here that Israel means more than a summer camp. I want to show that just by being here, I think it's important."

Semester ends

The academic year at Tel Aviv University — the only other institute of higher learning in Israel with a significant enrollment of Canadians — began slightly earlier than at Hebrew U, thus obviating the need to alter the exam schedule for those wishing to leave

before Jan. 15.

The first semester ended on Jan. 10 and some Canadian students were booked to return on El Al's Jan. 14 flight, Jacqueline Sosnowicz, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University's co-ordinator for student programs told The CJN. Sixty Canadians are enrolled in one-semester or one-year programs at TAU.

Those flying here will be monitoring developments in the Gulf during their mid-term break to see if they will return to Israel for second semester, she said.

Sosnowicz reported parents of two students had called her office recently requesting help in securing travel arrangements.

Many airlines have ceased flying to Israel because of a 40-fold increase in insurance costs.

The flight of overseas

students, together with the collapse of foreign tourism, has further heightened Israel's sense of isolation, Himel reported.

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Egypt not seen against retaliation



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Geneva last week between Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

Sources in the prime minister's bureau pointed out that the previous message from Baker to Levy contained no request that Israel refrain from reacting to an Iraqi attack. The sources also noted that even the Egyptian president and the British foreign secretary unequivocally supported Israel's right to strike back if attacked by Iraq. Both, it is pointed out, specifically used the word "retaliate."

Levy on Saturday sent a letter to the European Community's Council of Ministers, saying: "We also hope that the international community will deprive him of the arsenal with which he threatens the whole region and Israel and will see to the dismantling of that arsenal which gives him a sense of security and allows him to challenge the whole world. We listened carefully to the advice of our friends and assumed a policy of low profile. But if we are attacked as the Iraqi dictator reiterates, we will defend ourselves."

Shamir refused to discuss their talk with reporters until they "end with an agreed conclusion," he said.

He said the nation could feel secure behind the Israel Defence Force, which is in a high state of preparedness.

The prime minister repeated that the government's overriding consideration is "that the State of Israel not be harmed."

Shamir told the cabinet on Sunday that the defence of the nation was and would remain the responsibility of the government, but he imparted few details to the ministers.

An official communique

said the cabinet authorized a number of ministers to issue emergency regulations if required.

Likud ministers Ehud Olmert and Moshe Katsav told reporters after the meeting that Israel would respond if attacked. How, when and where will be for the government to decide, they said.

Katsav, who is transport minister, said the government decided against a pre-emptive strike against Iraq, because the United States indicated it would forestall an Iraqi attack on Israel.

But if the Iraqis do attack, it would mean the United States failed and Israel would respond, he said.

Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor party, cautioned Sunday that such matters should not be discussed in public.

"Israel has the capacity to respond massively, which is clear, but no more should be spelled out," he said.

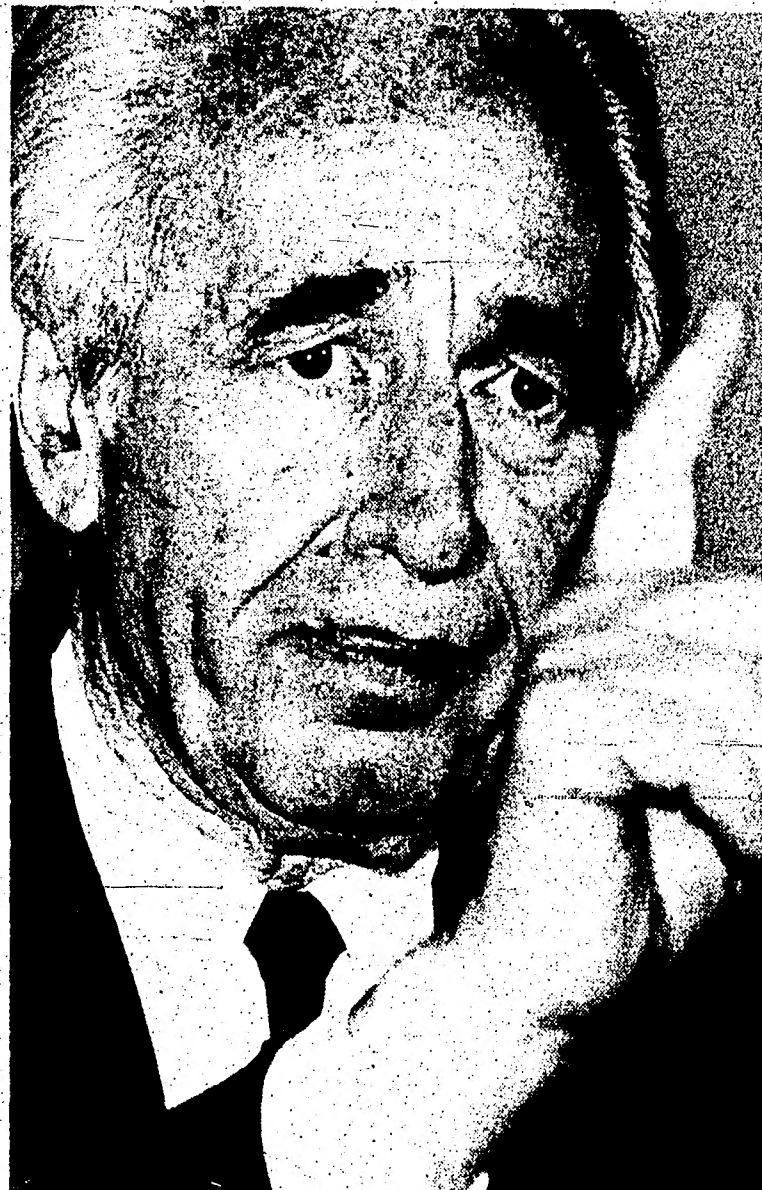
Former defence minister Yitzhak Rabin, also of Labor, has urged the government to weigh its options before hitting back automatically.

Shamir invited Peres for a briefing Monday afternoon. The Prime Minister's Office stressed it was not preliminary to setting up another unity government or a "war cabinet" of both major parties.

Political sources assume Arens will brief Rabin.

Peres is confident the United States will not back away from its demand that Saddam Hussein get out of Kuwait and will continue to reject linkage between an Iraqi withdrawal and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Whether Hussein will back down at the last moment will only be known at the last moment, Peres said.



Shimon Peres



Former defence minister Yitzhak Rabin

Will absorb first blow

Israel will respond to attack: Abileah

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Israel will respond to any attack from Iraq "severely," warns Benjamin Abileah, Israel's consul general to Toronto and Western Canada.

"We can cause Saddam Hussein far greater damage than he can cause us," Abileah told over 200 enthusiastic members and associates of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Post) last Sunday.

Despite threats from Saddam to launch missiles against Tel Aviv should the American-led coalition forces attack Kuwait or Iraq, Israel has pledged not to take any pre-emptive action against Iraq.

In fact, Abileah said, Israel is willing to absorb any first blow from Saddam. After that, it will respond "in a severe way," and Saddam "will regret" attacking Israel.

(Abileah's warning came on the same day as U.S. deputy secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger met Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in a bid to dissuade Israel from retaliating against an Iraqi first strike.)

Abileah said the kind of missile that can reach Israel from Iraq has already been used by Saddam against Tehran during his eight-year war with Iran.

Tehran, which is much more densely populated than Tel Aviv, experienced a maximum casualty rate of 10 from these missiles, he said.

In the meantime, Israel "has absolutely no role" in the Persian Gulf crisis and is keeping a low profile "because one Arab country attacks another Arab country 1,000 kms away, it's not our business."

"We're not going to disturb the coalition. But if Israel is attacked, let no one expect it (to do nothing) to keep some coalition together."

Saddam's invasion of Kuwait was "just like a hijacking. He hijacked a whole country. He went to Kuwait to rob the bank." Israel has been wary of Iraq for years, he said. Gas masks that were distributed to all 4.8 million Israelis over the past few months were ordered more than two years ago, Abileah stated.

Palestinians in the territories have to pay for their masks because the taxes they pay



Benjamin Abileah

to Jerusalem do not go toward defence, he explained.

He said linkage — the notion of linking the invasion of Kuwait to the plight of the Palestinians — is "a dirty word. It's immoral to make Israel pay for a problem that is not its business."

Both Canada and the United States have officially rejected the concept of linkage.

Saddam linked the two because he needed to rally all Arab countries around him. "In a sense," Abileah said, "he has succeeded."

"But if he ties his withdrawal from Kuwait to Israel's withdrawal from the territories, then it's an endless process."

Despite its low-key approach, Israel remains wary of Egypt and Syria, which are members of the UN coalition. Abileah said he believes both those nations are likely to stay on the Americans' side in a war.

Despite a global economic blockade of Iraq, Iran has been secretly shipping basic goods to its old enemy in order to fool the West into believing that sanctions aren't working, and thus hasten an attack, Abileah said.

The aftermath of a Gulf war "may not be so terrible. The United States will owe its Arab allies, but the Arabs will owe the United States, and we will expect the Arabs to come to the bargaining table."

"We will see to it that Israel's arm is not twisted."

Strong warnings issued to Palestinians

Uprising resurgence concerns Israel

JERUSALEM (JFJS/JTA) —

Terrorism in a Gulf war may pose a greater danger to Israeli civilians than Iraqi missiles, military sources stated last Saturday, as army commanders finalized steps aimed at forestalling possible terror attempts.

The defence establishment believes that the extremely high alert status currently in place may itself foil or deter terror operations, but they fear that civilians under extended stress will be less alert.

The Israeli authorities believe most Palestinians back Saddam Hussein. And indeed, there were pro-Hussein demonstrations in the West Bank over the weekend.

Palestinian leaders abroad also have been urging support for Hussein. Their exhortations were repeated in the latest leaflets issued by the intifada leadership.

Police Minister Ronni Milo and his senior officials have been planning measures to cope with a serious escalation of the

uprising should war break out. They are worried about an upsurge of terrorism in Israel.

Milo warned Arabs in the territories and Arab citizens of Israel last week not to indulge in hostile acts on the home front or against the army under cover of a war in the region.

The chief military prosecutor of the Israel Defence Force, Judge Advocate Gen. Amnon Strashnov, issued a blunt warning.

He said if Palestinians in the territories engaged in hostile acts against Israel in time of war, they would lose the status of protected civilians under the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, which protects civilian populations under military occupation.

In that case, the territories would be considered a war zone, and standing orders governing the use of firearms by troops would be revised accordingly, Strashnov warned.

At a news conference in East Jerusalem, Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein urged international organi-

zations and foreign governments not to leave the territories but increase their presence there "to protect the Palestinians."

He and other Palestinian leaders urged the international community to exert pressure on Israel to prevent punitive measures against Palestinians. But they expressed fear that even if the IDF did not harm them, Jewish settlers in the territories would.

Hussein worried that Palestinians might panic over "false rumors" and flee the territories. He urged them not to leave their homes. "Victory means stick to the land, because eventually we shall overcome," he said.

A more fearful mood was evident in the territories over the weekend as the prospect of war became more and more real.

Palestinians are as concerned as Israelis over Iraqi threats to attack Israel with missiles bearing poison gas warheads. But while virtually the entire Israeli population has been supplied with gas masks, Palestinians in territories

have not received the protection.

An Arab resident of Bethlehem appealed to the High Court of Justice on Sunday to order the Defence Ministry to issue gas masks to everyone in

the territories.

A Moslem preacher during Friday services on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem pleaded with Saddam Hussein not to forget "that hundreds of thousands of Moslem Arabs live in Israel."



Israeli Ran Cohen tries on a gas mask with the help of a Tel Aviv saleswoman. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

B'nai Brith mission visiting Jerusalem

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A three-man B'nai Brith Canada mission left Toronto Jan. 14 in time to be at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on Jan. 15.

The purpose of the trip is to express solidarity with the people of Israel at a time when hostilities in the Gulf are imminent, said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president.

In Israel, the delegation will meet with Israeli leaders, Canada's Ambassador Michael Bell, active retirees from Canada, and Canadian students who have chosen to remain.

It will also be passing along hundreds of letters to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir from students at Eitz Chaim, Netivot HaTorah, Associated, Ulpanat Orot and Leo Baeck day schools.

Accompanying Dimant were Howard English, director of communications, and Jacob Atteslander, a B'nai Brith member.

Editorial/Letters

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Perilous paths

As this issue of The Canadian Jewish News went to press, the world was waiting to learn whether there would be war in the Persian Gulf. Whatever the outcome of the last-minute flurry of diplomatic meetings, the rule of international law and the security of nations are in danger.

If war is averted, under an as-yet-unknown accommodation with Iraq, Saddam Hussein will take comfort from the fact that he has stared down an international coalition under the aegis of the United Nations. If that accommodation leaves him with his frightful arsenal untouched, he is fully capable of striking again — and when he does, it will be from an unassailable position of power and prestige as a leader of the Arab world. It is impossible to forget the sight of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar cooling his heels in a Baghdad guest house — and filling in his time meeting with Yasser Arafat — while opposition leaders from Japan and Nicaragua were ushered into Saddam's presence.

If war breaks out, people will die. Many will be members of the forces on both sides of the conflict; others will be civilians, Iraqis and Kuwaitis who have already suffered so much from Saddam's brutality. The Iraqi president has made it clear that he intends some of those civilians to be Israelis, who have contributed nothing to this conflict except their restraint. That restraint cannot be expected to continue if Israel is attacked.

Even as the attention of world leaders was focused on the Gulf, Lithuanian demonstrators died under Soviet tanks, giving proof to outgoing Soviet Foreign Secretary Eduard Shevardnadze's warnings of increasingly harsh repression in the U.S.S.R. — another grave threat to world order.

Whatever the outcome of these two crises, Israel's path is a perilous one. A resurgent Saddam would be a deadly threat to the entire Middle East; a war in which Israel's friends are allied with Israel's enemies could cost Israel dearly, diplomatically if not militarily; and a combination of chaos in the U.S.S.R. and hostilities in the Mideast will hinder the effort to rescue Soviet Jews just when it is most desperately needed.

Saddam Hussein's promise to involve Israel in a Gulf war is for one reason only: because it is a Jewish state. Let us remember that and respond to the perils of either peace or war — united.

Good academic idea

The occasional frictions between Canada and Israel at the governmental level should not be allowed to obscure the long tradition of essentially solid ties between Ottawa and Jerusalem. It should also be noted that in the private sector and in the university community close contacts between the two countries have been continuing despite the political turmoil in the Middle East.

The University of Ottawa, Canada's largest bilingual institution of higher learning, has signed an exchange agreement with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The agreement, which was initiated in August 1990 and which will begin officially in the fall of 1991, formalizes an exchange of professors and students between the two universities which has been going on for several years.

Under the program, which begins in the University of Ottawa's chemistry department, faculty members from one school will be able to teach and carry out research at the other institution. Graduate students will have course work completed at the host university accepted as equivalent at their own institution. The decision to formalize an already existing situation was reached because of the success of the exchanges.

The public relations department at the University of Ottawa indicates that while the exchange agreement is beginning with the chemistry department, it anticipates that the program will mushroom to include other departments as well.

The agreement between the University of Ottawa and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, one of the first such exchanges, should be commended. It affirms the close ties and respect that exist between institutions of higher learning in both countries. It also diminishes from Israel's point of view, the sense of isolation that flows from hostile political currents in the world.

There should be more universities and colleges in Canada which, like the University of Ottawa, seek reciprocal ties with Israeli academic institutions. The intellectual cross-fertilization resulting from these programs contributes immeasurably to the academic profile of both nations.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

UNITY AT GRASS ROOTS

With reference to Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's column, Groups' Battle Over Turf Only Hurts the Community" (CJN Jan 3).

As one who has been over the years actively involved with both B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress, may I suggest that the growing tensions between the two organizations has become quite serious and obvious to the non-Jewish groups with whom they come into contact.

I do not for a moment believe that only one voice can or should speak for the Jewish community. On the contrary, I believe all voices and opinions should be heard.

However, in the case of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and Congress' Community Relations Committee, in the main tensions have arisen, not because each group has a differing philosophy, but because each wants to achieve sole recognition for having taken the initiative and acted on a specific issue.

At times the desire for publicity takes precedence over the reality of the issue. At the present time, when both groups are feeling financial pressures, it might very well be in order to eliminate duplication of activity.

I am aware that some discussion is indeed taking place at the highest levels of the Jewish community. However, a change of attitude must be brought about at the professional and lay activist levels as well. Unless a new spirit of co-operation permeates throughout both organizations, high level leadership alone will not eliminate the present competitiveness.

Jerry Rose
Toronto

RESTRAINT WITH MEDIA

I believe that Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region's record with regard to community defence, stands on its own merits. The desecrations of the Shaar Hashomayim and Baron de Hirsch cemeteries, Pierre Peladeau's comments, Carpentras, France, the Jewish cemetery in Ste. Foy, Que., the Yeshiva Gedola, the Outremont dossier and numerous other events have all been managed so as to leave our community stronger in its relationships with the police, the media, government, political parties and other cultural communities.

The relationships we have painstakingly built up serve our community, our city and our province well.

Congress' care with regard to the media stems neither from a desire to withhold information from our community, nor from a desire to sit quietly and hope for the best. Rather, we believe that the exercise of reasonable restraint in dealing with the media is in the best interests of our community's long-term credibility and ability to act effectively.

It is this perspective which characterizes Congress' approach to media in dealing with attacks against our community.

Michael Crelinsten
Executive Director
Canadian Jewish Congress
Quebec Region

GENDER BLIND

The recent 27th plenary session of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress included a panel discussion on intermarriage. All three panelists were male, as was the moderator.

This gender imbalance leaps off the page, so striking is it in 1990. Do women

not get married? Do Jewish women have nothing to say about this problem, which affects them more keenly, since proportionately more Jewish men marry outside the faith?

It is both insulting and discriminatory that organizers of this event were so gender-blind. Their action adds further weight to the argument that women's equality in the Jewish community remains illusive.

Dorothy Lipovenko
Toronto



Yehuda Bauer

1.3 MILLION JEWS DIED AT AUSCHWITZ

Your issue of Nov. 15 contains a report by Ron Csillag on David Irving's lecture in Toronto (Irving All Dressed Up But Nowhere To Go), and a ruling by the Ontario Court against the so-called Council on Public Affairs sponsoring him.

The council's lawyer is reported to have quoted my article on the problem of the number of Jewish and other victims at Auschwitz. I don't know what and how she quoted me.

(In attempting to force the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education to honor Irving's planned speaking engagement there, his lawyer, Barbara Kulaska, quoted in court from an article by Prof. Bauer, supposedly stating that the number of victims at Auschwitz has been reduced from four million to one million. — Ed.)

In that article I used the figures researched by the French Jewish historian Georges Wellers, himself an Auschwitz survivor, who determined the total number of victims in the whole Auschwitz complex at about 1.6 million. Of these, about 1,350,000 were Jews, of whom about 30,000 died of maltreatment, and the rest by gassing. The total number of Poles killed there was 83,000. Twenty thousand Gypsies and 11,000 Russians were also murdered there.

In the meantime, Polish scholars arrived at substantially the same figures. The figure of four million was never used by Raul Hilberg, for instance, because it was obviously a propaganda figure, without any basis, invented by Polish communists, whose aim was basically the same as that of David Irving, namely the denial of the specificity of the Holocaust.

The number was therefore not "reduced" but corrected. The total number of the victims of the Holocaust was about 5.8 million, including of course those who died at Auschwitz.

Prof. Yehuda Bauer
Jerusalem

JEWS OF AMSTERDAM

I was stunned by some of the remarks made by Rabbi Frank Lewis in Gil Kezwer's article Jews of Amsterdam Remain Traumatized (CJN, Nov. 29).

I was born in the Netherlands and am a child survivor of the Holocaust. Since I have a few relatives who survived the Holocaust, still living in Hol-

land, I visit them regularly.

It seems to me that while the remaining Dutch Jews in Holland indeed still grieve having lost so many of their family members in the Holocaust, a large number of these are extremely active in their support and participation of a strong Jewish community, Jewish network, and in their religious observance.

Their bereavement does not cloud their religiosity, their Jewish community participation, or their desire to be successful citizens of Holland. Why Rabbi Lewis did not elaborate on the activities of the six synagogues in Amsterdam, but rather discuss the fate of a historic old synagogue (Portuguese) is mystifying. The large percentage of intermarriage cannot be attributed to intense bereavement, or trauma, and is more likely influenced by the depletion of Dutch Jewry.

It must be understood that Holland has a unique relationship to Israel, unlike other European countries, and Rabbi Lewis' comments concerning Dutch Jews' answer to their bereavement, to make aliya, has to be seen in the larger context of the vast numbers of Dutch Citizens of all religions (a very large proportion are non-Jews) who regularly visit Israel.

While it is true that the Dutch had numerous SS living amongst them during the Second World War, it is also true that non-Jews of Holland today, have regularly been visiting Israel for years, due to a fondness that they hold for Israel. It is in this context that the number of Dutch Jews making aliya, as compared to those of many countries, should be viewed.

The link to Israel that both the Jews and non-Jews have is very strong. This attraction has been observed and commented upon by Israelis living in Israel. One possible explanation could be that both countries, Holland and Israel, are very small, and so their understanding of the difficulties of survival under adverse conditions run parallel in some respects.

One could conclude by saying that if large numbers of non-Jewish Dutch people regularly flock to Israel, the aliya of large numbers of Dutch Jews is a very natural heartfelt response which is not the outcome of bereavement, but of a love and devotion for Israel.

Elly Bollegraaf
Ottawa

name game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

POLAK - LITVAK

We are familiar in English nomenclature with the surnames that denote national origin. Names like French, German and Scott are examples.

The same source appears in many Jewish surnames.

Deutsch means German
Englander means Englishman
Hollander is a Dutchman
Oestreicher is an Austrian
Ungar is a Hungarian
Russlander is a Russian
Francosz is a Frenchman
Portugal comes from Portugal
Schweitzer (Switzer) is Swiss
Taerk is a Turk.

In this category, fall the names:
Polak (Pollack) from Poland
Litvak from Latvia
Litvin from Lithuania together with its variants Litvinoff, Littner and Litman.

*Still hope war can be avoided***State of world affairs cause for spiritual depression**By
J. B. SALSBERG

Writing a weekly column of opinion — personal opinion — is not, as you may think, an easy endeavor. At least that is my experience.

Unlike some regular columnists that I know, or have known in the past, I can't just sit down and "knock out a column." I can't because the subject matter that I usually deal with in a given week reflects my views and, even more importantly, my feelings about political and social events that are vital concerns of our people, Jewry, on a local, regional or global level.

This week (the column is written a week before it will appear in print) my mood is such that I'm reminded of a great Yiddish poet, (Glatstein) who, in a moment of despair closed the shutters of his home and said: "Goodbye, world."

Yes, I, who am usually inclined towards optimism, feel like doing the same.

Well, not exactly trying to escape the world,



J.B. Salsberg

because that would be an admission of total hopelessness, which, thank heaven, I have not reached. But a silent separation from the iniquities of our world, a sort of silent protest that, I realize, would lead more to personal isolation than to the solution of any of the evils that beset us, Jews, and the world we live in.

The immediate cause of my spiritual depression is the current incarnation of evil brutality on a global scale, Saddam Hussein, the notorious dictator of Iraq.

For a few days now that dictator, armed to the teeth with an arsenal of fire and poison gas bombs, occupied centre stage of the world, by his threat to launch a poison-gas and fire-bombs attack on the United Nation's peace-keeping forces in the Persian Gulf that stand in the way of his ambitions to gain control of the oil-rich areas of the Persian Gulf in that area.

That awesome development is serious enough to arouse and to alert the majority of the civilized world. It would be no exaggeration to say that for the last few days (prior to this writing) the whole world feared for the worst. Canada too felt the effects of the ominous developments in the Gulf. Thousands of our army and naval forces are in the "war zone" prepared, together with our UN allies, to halt the evil forces of Iraq's Sad-

dam Hussein.

And, Saddam Hussein has a horrifying record of inhuman brutality. He bombed and burned to death thousands of his own countrymen when they tried to resist his brutal dictatorship. He, the incarnation of evil, has been engaged in a brutal, devastating war with his neighboring "fellow Islamic" state of Iran for eight years that cost the lives of millions of human beings on both sides.

That war was "halted" by mutual consent so that he, Saddam, could raid Kuwait, rob it of its wealth and declare it to be a "province" of greater Iraq.

Jews might be forgiven if they were to say that they wouldn't cry if the Iraqi dictator was to receive the bitter medicine that he deserves and that the UN forces in the Gulf were prepared to deliver to him. But

But Saddam threatens to attack Israel, before his ship sinks and thus tries to form an anti-Israel alliance. True that the United States and the UN forces it leads admonish Saddam not to do that. But they do promise the Iraqi dictator to discuss the "Palestinian" question, once the war threats will cease. That is not good news for Israel.

Is Israel a part of it, to be offered as a sacrificial lamb on the altar of Arab appeasement?

My friends, this may sound as if I'm haunted by very pessimistic spirits? Maybe I am.

After all "the world" has already witnessed the fiendish physical destruction of six million Jews. And, let's not forget that the war against Hitler was not prompted because of his anti-Jewish plot and his demeaning discrimination that devil incarnate launched against the Jews, but because of his march into Czechoslovakia and Austria.

Now, my friends, don't succumb to the pessimism that has enveloped me lately. It is, so I hope, only a passing experience. I share the hope of all decent people around the world that the January 15th meeting of the UN and the Iraqi menace will avert the war that hangs in the unpredictable air of the Middle East.

In the meantime, some of my closest friends think that I must try to allay my fears somewhat by going away from it all for a few weeks. I will most likely try this prescription. But can one run away from oneself? Can one say "stop the world, I want to get off," even when one knows that such a miracle is impossible?

We shall see what we shall see. And, the Lord willing, I shall try to report to you from wherever I may be.

Yes, it is a wonderful world, as my uncle Eliezer says often, but, he adds, it is also a "paskudne" world. May the Lord not punish me for saying it.

U.S. servicemen changing religions**Christianity losing out to Islam in Middle East**By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A lot of Christians were shocked when they learned that during the last two months, 100 American servicemen stationed in Saudi Arabia have converted to Islam.

There has in fact been a general retreat of Christianity before the religion of Mohammed, which is evidenced by enormous gains in Africa, Asia as well as Europe and North America. Even on the outskirts of Rome, the seat of Roman Catholic Christianity, there is now a huge mosque. In Western Europe, some seven million Moslems are spreading their religion, and in Britain, there are today 1,100



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mosques where only a few years ago, there were but 150.

As for the United States, the estimate is that in a few years, Islam will be, after Protestantism and Catholicism, the third largest religion, replacing Judaism.

The greatest loss to Christianity is in the Mideast, where the perception is growing that if one is an Arab, one should also be a Moslem. Add thereto the palpable unease which many Arab Christians — to say nothing of non-Arab Christians — have in an overwhelmingly Moslem environment, which has become highly polarized. Christianity is perceived as either an outgrowth of Judaism or a form of Western culture — both of which are considered foreign and inimical to Arabs and Islam. A recent issue of Time said that after years of relative harmony, "friction between Christians and their fellow Arabs (Moslems) has intensified sharply, especially with the recent rise of Moslem fundamentalism."

This has resulted in a steady exodus of Christians from Israel, and especially so since Christians generally feel that they have received little support from their own denominations in other parts of the world. Many of them feel they are safer if they abandon Christianity and join Islam, to show thereby that they are at one with all Arabs in their struggle against Israel. This probably explains also why a Christian religious leader like convicted arms smuggler Bishop Hilarion Capucci could use his position to supply weapons to Arab terrorists, and why, more recently, church leaders were in effect leading a riot against Jewish families who had moved into a hospice in the Christian quarter of Jerusalem.

Amongst the most violent anti-Israel Arabs are George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh, the leaders of two extreme PLO factions. Both of them are Christian, but in all fairness, it is their Arabism rather than their Christianity which explains their political stance. Someone has point-

ed out that, ironically, even the Christian quarter of the Old city is no longer Christian, for it already has a Moslem majority. Says a newsletter from Jerusalem: "Looking at the situation objectively, one can only conclude that the Christian Arabs are deluding themselves if they think that by joining the fight against the Jews they will be assuring their own future in this country. At best, Christians under Islam would again become *Dhimmi* (a tolerated minority) with third-class status, because Islam teaches that no part of the Middle East may be left under the control of infidels."

The upshot of it all is the unhappy recognition that the national and ethnic conflict over Palestine has been turning into a Moslem-Judeo-Christian conflict. Unfortunately history has shown that, while national and ethnic conflicts are sometimes or even frequently resolvable, religious conflicts rarely are. That presents Israel, and for that matter all of us, with yet an additional challenge.

*Country will never be the same***Arrival of Soviets in Israel a memorable experience**By
RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

As the newcomers' 747 taxied into position I began to sob. It is one thing to believe in miracles but it is quite another to see one happening. The several dozen Canadians present to welcome 240 new immigrants from the Soviet Union began waving as soon as the plane was in sight.

The jumbo jet rolled nearer and we could see the passengers on board waving back. As the doors were opened and the dazed and tired travellers began making their way down the stairs, there was a massive rush forward. We began to applaud. Flowers were handed to the women. Children were given chocolates and toys.

I had the privilege of being one of the first to reach the new arrivals. I shouted out the traditional Hebrew welcome, "Barukh Ha-ba" and was totally surprised to hear a Hebrew response from a man my age who ambled down the stairs. He grabbed me with his powerful arms in a tearful embrace. This embrace is one that I had never experienced and one which I shall never forget.

It was a hug from a man I never met yet knew all my life. We were soul mates. For that one brief moment we both knew that we were eternally linked through a common history and a shared destiny. Names were not important. Language was unnecessary. The two of us instinctively felt what brought us together: a covenant with God and the promise of the State of Israel. The moment was electric. A Jew from Canada united with a Jew from the Soviet Union on the tarmac of Ben Gurion airport.

My grandparents left Russia 75 years ago. His did not. Because my ancestors made the choice

to leave, I grew up enjoying the freedom and prosperity of the democratic West. Because his ancestors made the choice to stay, he grew up enduring the hardships and oppression of the Communist East. I lived most of my life without really thinking of those my grandparents left behind and why.

Seeing these haggard people looking much older than their years and wearing almost all of their worldly possessions reminded me of my luck and their incredible struggle. And in that moment of contact in the moonlit Israeli night, his embrace served to assure me that now everything will be fine.

Soldiers from a crack paratrooper unit arrived to join in the welcoming celebration. One or two

of these rugged young men symbolic of the energy and strength of this little country rushed up the stairs to help escort the elderly and carry the exhausted children to the seats awaiting them.

One old woman arrives alone. She smiles broadly and sways to the festive music playing on the loud speaker system. She has come with no family and nothing more than a maximum of \$137 (U.S.) she is allowed to take with her from the Soviet Union. She could have chosen to die in the Motherland but chose instead to live in her Homeland.

Almost 200,000 new immigrants will have arrived in Israel last year. Among them will be 12,000 medical doctors, 6,000 musicians of world class calibre, 108,000 university graduates

including physicists and engineers. It may very well be that one of these gifted immigrants will find the cure for cancer or develop new sources of energy. But in the meantime, they will sweep the streets or wash dishes or wait on tables. They don't complain because they are free and they are home.

Two little girls from the Ural mountains ages 11 and eight happily wave the small Israeli flags they were given. They have won the hearts of the crowd with their adorable smiles and cheerful disposition. They cannot speak a word of Hebrew or English but in just a few short months they, like each one of the 400 new immigrant children enrolled in Israeli schools every day, will be playing and chattering in the parks and schoolyards like every other Israeli youngster. The two girls were hoisted on the shoulders of two soldiers as the crowd broke into a spontaneous Hora, dancing with joy in seeing the fulfilment of the prophesied return to Zion.

Following a brief ceremony and the mandatory speeches by various officials, we all rose for Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem. Surprisingly, a few Russians seemed to know the words. Elite Israeli troops — battle hardened and trained to withstand the rigors of combat — stood with tears in their eyes. They understood fully the meaning of it all. They are soldiers, but they are also Jews.

After travelling four or more days across 2,000 miles of distance and 2,000 years of history, they are finally here. Israel will never be the same and neither will I.

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Next week:

Can Jewish soldiers in the Gulf observe the rules of kashrut?

Features

Israel worried about developments in Jordan

By
DAN SCHUEFTAN

If anybody needed yet another indication of the depth and complexity of King Hussein's predicament, the current Jordanian emergency deployment and military exercises could serve as a very informative one. Once again, the king did what he had to rather than what he would have wanted to do. This time, however, since the Jordanian steps are of a military nature, it is even more dangerous than before.

To understand the gravity and potential danger of these steps, one must appreciate Jordan's crucial significance in Israel's strategic picture, and evaluate the king's behavior in the light of past experience.

Jordan stretches along Israel's soft underbelly. Israel's strategic nightmare is the establishment of an Eastern front, composed of Iraqi, Syrian and Jordanian forces backed by the Saudi Arabian arsenal and financial resources and deployed along the Jordan River.

This nightmare can also explain the obsession with the fate of the West Bank, common to practically all strategic-minded Israelis regardless of their political persuasion. They understand that if the West Bank becomes a strategic extension of the Eastern front, Israel would become indefensible.

Jordan on the East Bank is the key to all that: only its participation can produce an effective Eastern front; the existence of such a front could make major concessions in the West Bank impossible even for the supporters of Israeli withdrawal and the establishment of Arab sovereignty.

Should such a front be perceived in the Arab world as promising in terms of the outcome of a war with Israel, Egypt may not be able to justify its settlement with Israel and could abandon the late Anwar Sadat's political strategy. Such hopes for a victory over Israel would generate second thoughts among those Arabs who have come to acquiesce in the existence of Israel - let alone those who would consider a compromise settlement with the Jewish state.

With so much at stake, it is small wonder that Israel is extremely concerned over what is happening in Jordan since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The military dimension that was added recently is of special significance. Israel knows well that the king is not happy, but apprehensive and even afraid of what he must do. But when it comes to the military field - beyond a certain point - it doesn't matter any more if King Hussein did it willingly or in spite of himself.

The political climate in Jordan is extremely



hostile to Israel, perhaps more so than in any Arab country. Radical Moslems and Palestinians dominate the public scene and fill the air in an unprecedented manner with hysterical battle-cries against Israel and demonic anti-Semitic images of Jews. Their leaders joined the government last week and insisted that they should assume responsibility for the educational system.

While this is a potentially dangerous process, these sentiments in themselves would not have been so dangerous. Hostility, even extreme hostility, does not always lead to war if its consequences do not get out of control. What makes the danger imminent is that the Saddam Hussein euphoria has swept Jordan to a point where the regime is losing control and is taking steps that may prove irreversible.

The recent military moves aroused concern in Israel because the process is so reminiscent of that which led to war in 1967: first, a charismatic Arab leader who promises to destroy Israel and redeem Palestine captures the imagination of a large segment of the Jordanian public. Then, the king must pretend to join the one he cannot beat because he realizes that failing to do so will lead

to a confrontation with his own people that could cost not only his throne and his head but perhaps even the very existence of an independent Jordanian state.

Eventually, the king is forced to prove the sincerity of his support of the radical leader by taking military steps; finally, these steps lead to war.

What is developing now in Jordan is very similar to, if not identical with, what happened on the eve of the 1967 war. On the one hand, it is more dangerous today, because of the deep roots of Moslem fundamentalist radicalism. The national radicalism of the 1960s cooled off when Nasser failed, but the fundamentalist version may, at least in the short run, even be intensified by a humiliating defeat.

On the other hand, King Hussein is more experienced and thus far much more cautious than he was 23 years ago. So far, it is only exercises and frontline deployment, and not, as in June 1967, abdication of the king's command of his armed forces in favor of an Egyptian general.

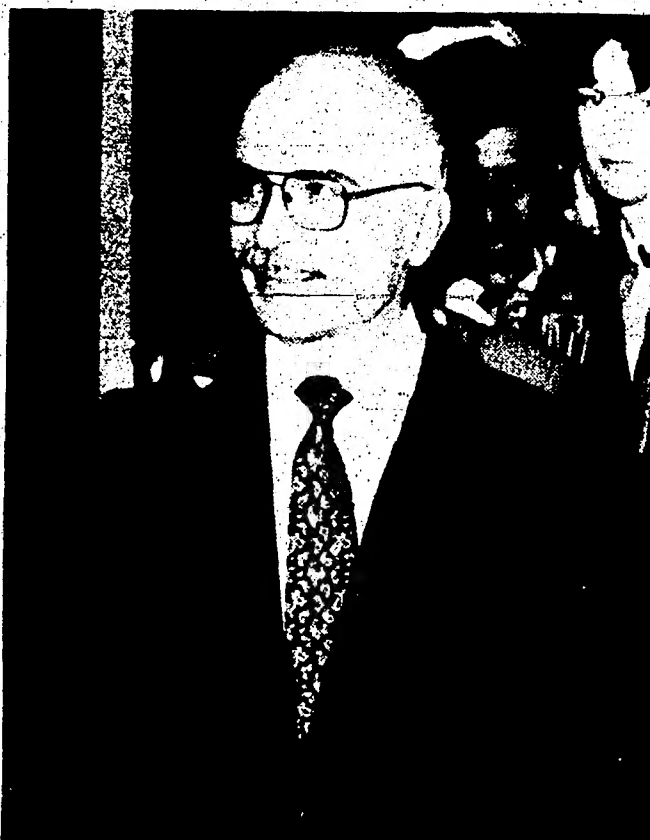
It is difficult to take comfort in these extenuating circumstances - first, since Israel cannot afford to take too many risks because what happens in Jordan is crucial for Israel's strategic survivability; and second, because the king may well be forced to go further than his experience tells him is wise.

The danger is not that Jordan will decide to initiate a war against Israel: this is too absurd in the existing balance of power, more hopeless than in 1967. Even if Iraq could afford to attack Israel, it would be suicide for the Jordanian Army to face Israel alone for the first few days, until Iraqi forces arrive in full strength. Now that Iraq is confronting the United States and its allies in

the Gulf, this option seems practically out of the question.

Another scenario leading towards confrontation is, however, possible: Iraq may try to divert the crisis in the Gulf towards the Arab-Israel dimension of the regional tensions and could easily succeed in doing so. Saddam knows only too well that Israel cannot tolerate the massive introduction of Iraqi troops into Jordan. He could send an expeditionary force, thereby compelling Israel to take action and turn Jordan into a battlefield.

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King Hussein

Worst-case scenarios

Iraq's missile threat looms large

Jerusalem Post analyst Bradley Burston deals with the questions no one wants to ask about Iraq's rockets against the background of renewed threats by Saddam Hussein to launch them against Israel in the event of war

QUESTION: Can the IDF detect an imminent Iraqi missile attack early enough to adequately warn Israel's population?

ANSWER: Probably yes - but not alone. Much depends on the willingness of the U.S. intelligence apparatus to relay to Israel "real time" (immediate) spy-satellite indications of Iraqi missile launch preparations. Hence the importance of a rumored secret Bush-Shamir pact trading satellite data for an Israeli commitment to consult Washington before launching a pre-emptive or retaliatory strike against Saddam Hussein.

Until one month ago, U.S. administration officials firmly resisted Defence Ministry pleas for immediate transmissions of missile-launch data. But a recent combination of diplomacy and embarrassment may have turned the intelligence tide in Israel's favor. Caught off guard by recent Iraqi rocket test-firings, in particular by Baghdad's success in substantially reducing the hours required to arm and launch the weapons, the U.S. military has made emergency moves in recent days to upgrade its early-warning detection apparatus.

Some observers see the reported Bush-Shamir pact as an outgrowth of American concern that newly-streamlined Iraqi firing procedures have reduced the warning time available.

Q. How much time, then, are we really talking about?

A. In the best of the worst-case scenarios, in which satellite and other intelligence sensors detect launch activities (warhead installation, launcher preparation, fueling, meteorological and navigational programming, erecting the launcher) two or more hours before firing, U.S. and allied warplanes might well destroy the Iraqi platforms before any rockets leave the ground.

In the worst event, should the early-warning system fail to sense firing preparations, the system is considered certain to pick up the flash of the launch. This would effectively give Israel's population some 5-8 minutes to take shelter before the first warheads hit Israeli soil.

Q. Is that enough time to make any difference?

A. Yes. In studying Iraqi missile strikes on Teheran during the latter part of the Iran-Iraq conflict, U.S. and local defense analysts have concluded that advance warning of even 5-8 minutes could cut casualties by as much as 80 per cent.

Q. Say the missiles are fired: can't they be shot down before they reach Israel?

A. Most of them. Once again, the key lies with U.S. anti-missile defences. America is continuing to rush state-of-the-art equipment to the Saudi front, but their system is based on the Patriot anti-missile missile, a weapon with decided limitations. Though more sophisticated and markedly more effective than its predecessor, the Hawk, the Patriot's improved range and resistance to jamming may still not be equal to the task of downing all of what may be dozens of simultaneously fired Iraqi surface-to-surface missiles.

Experts believe that if Saddam Hussein orders a missile strike on Israel, his forces are likely to unleash as many of their missiles as they can, as fast as they can. Recently, one authority said that "with Western air strikes certain to target the rocket-launchers, the Iraqis know that their first missile attack will probably also be their last."

Q. If the U.S.-Saudi line of defence can't stop all the missiles, doesn't Israel have Patriot missiles of its own?

A. Not yet. The Patriots promised Israel by the U.S. will arrive only in the first half of 1991 and are likely to be a less-advanced model than hitherto expected. Meanwhile, Israel continues to develop its Arrow missile project destined, some time in the '90s, to replace the Patriot. Though an Arrow was successfully test-fired just after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and (according to foreign press accounts) an Arrow downed an Israeli "Jericho" missile in a test flight recently (throwing U.S. forces into a sudden alert), it is not considered operational at this stage.

Q. If not all the missiles are shot down, how many are likely to reach Israel?

A. By a consensus of authoritative, if not reassuring, estimates, fewer than five. After exhaustive studies of the question, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said last week: "There is no chance that a storm of Iraqi missiles will fall on Israel." The missiles are clumsy, Arens said, difficult to fire, "and if any reach here, it will be a small number."

Q. If all else fails and the missiles arrive, how much damage can be expected?

A. There is some good news here. The distance from major Iraqi launch sites to Tel Aviv is large enough (560 km from Airbase H-2, 480 km from H-3) so that the payload weight is severely limited. This not only drastically lowers the potential effectiveness of mustard gas and nerve gas weapons, it also materially improves civilian chances of survival in a conventional attack.

From detailed studies of Iraqi strikes on Teheran, defence researchers determined that, with a 1,000-kg conventional payload, missiles caused between 10-15 deaths each. But experts here stress that the weight reductions required for the missile to reach Israel will decrease the payload by as much as 60-70 per cent, with a consequent decrease in casualties.

War quandary

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

According to officials in the Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir promised President George Bush during their White House meeting last month that Israel would not launch a pre-emptive strike. According to foreign reports, the United States bolstered its intelligence cooperation with Israel in return.

U.S. officials say that a pre-emptive Israel strike is the worst of all scenarios, as it could be the match which would set alight the tense Iraqi-U.S. Gulf standoff. Saddam might use an Israeli attack as a pretext for launching a massive strike against the United States. American officials say Shamir's statement indicates an understanding that Israel would not survive politically in the United States if the American public were to believe Israel started a Gulf War involving heavy American casualties.

However, would the United States launch an attack against Iraq before the Iraqi Scuds are fired? Some U.S. officials note that the Bush administration has publicly promised to come to Israel's aid if attacked.

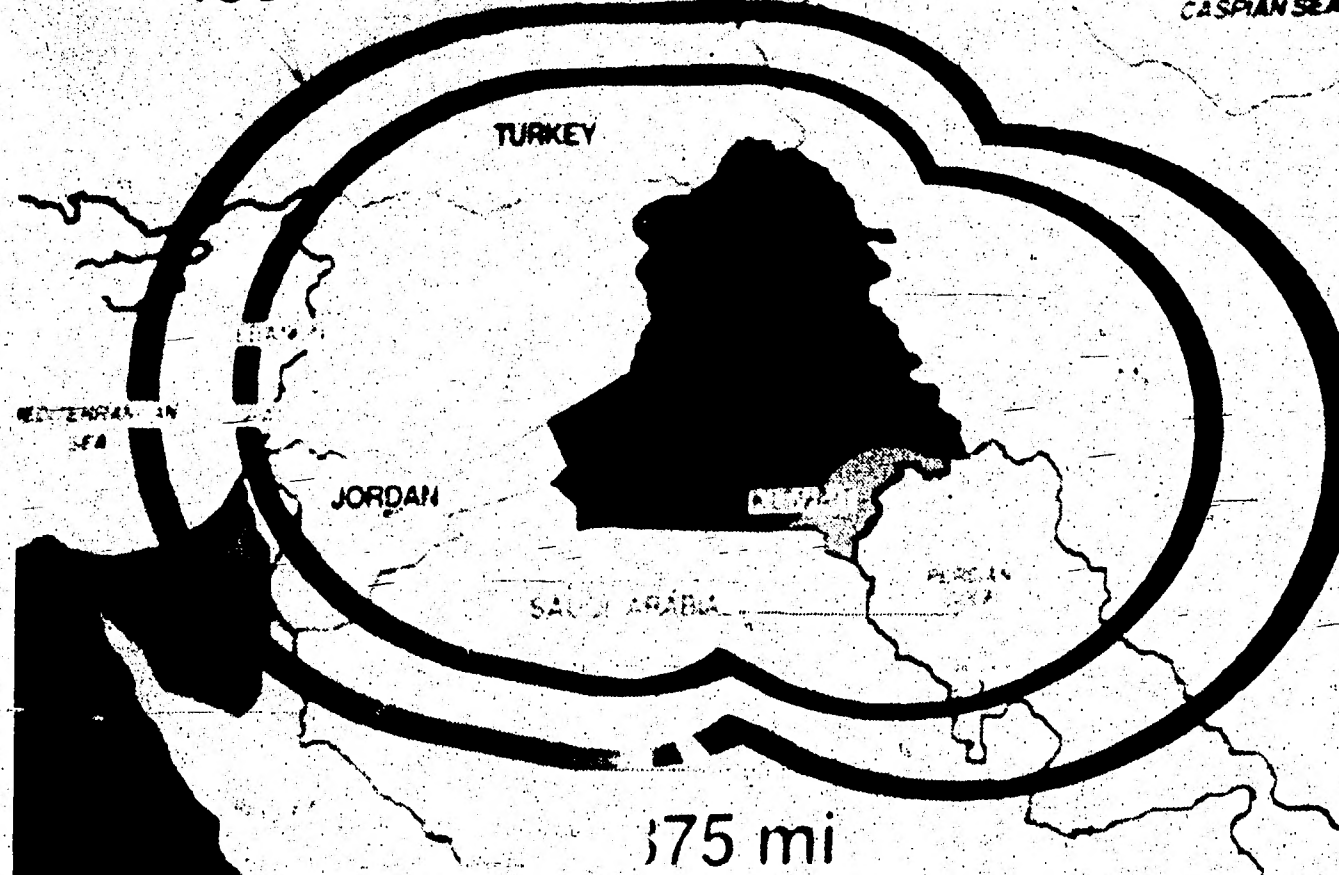
Prime Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens have both repeatedly pledged to respond massively in the advent of any Iraqi attack. U.S. officials say that, at worst, Saddam could get off 25 missiles, and then it would take him five to six hours to reload. This is certainly more than ample time for a punishing Israeli response.

Maj. General (res.) Aharon Yariv, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, defends the idea that Israel should not commit itself to retaliation. "If the attack does not cause heavy damage," Yariv reportedly said, "we should not retaliate at all because the consequences of a war are unpredictable."

"Some people say we risk losing our deterrent capability in the eyes of our enemies if we don't respond, but I don't think so," Yariv said. "The Syrians in this situation, for example, will not perceive in that an opportunity to attack us with impunity because they know that this is not so. From our point of view, it is altogether better not to get involved, if at all possible."

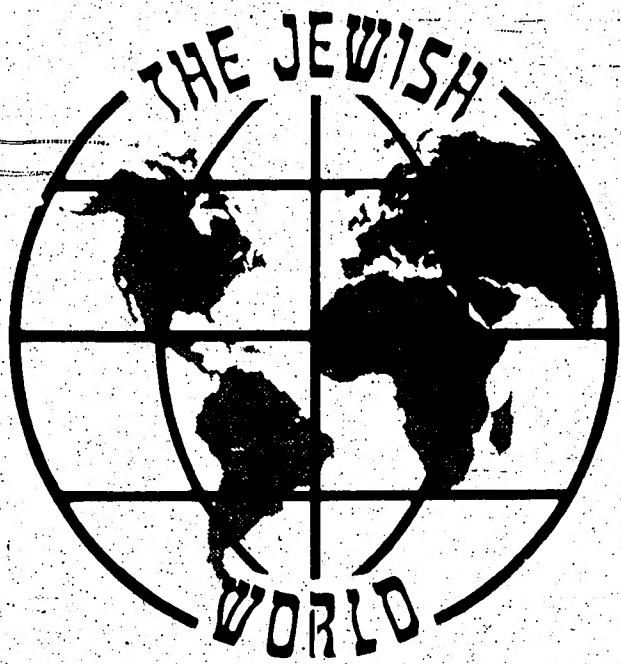
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Iraq's military might evokes fear

Gulf crisis taps hawkish vein among U.S. Jews



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Gulf crisis, however it is resolved, has tapped a hawkish vein in the fairly liberal American Jewish community.

From the moment Iraq stormed into Kuwait last August, the overwhelming majority of Jews in the United States have rallied behind President George Bush's policy demanding Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from that oil-rich sheikdom.

Furthermore, most Jews have supported the use of military force against Iraq if Saddam Hussein fails to abide by the United Nations' mid-January deadline for evacuating Kuwait.

Mainstream Jewish organizations have thus lined up behind the Bush administration's Gulf policy, notwithstanding their fear that the president is using the crisis to arm Saudi Arabia to the teeth.

According to a report in the Jewish World newspaper of Long Island, N.Y., these groups include the American Jewish Committee, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Council of Jewish Federations.

Bush's Gulf strategy is also backed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — Reform Judaism's central body — and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which opposed U.S. participation in the Vietnam war, asserted that military force is "an acceptable moral option" after other means to resolve the Gulf crisis have been "considered and explored."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, argued in a Newsweek magazine essay that the United States should attack Iraq "very soon" in order to topple Saddam. "We'll have a better chance with whoever follows him," he wrote. "His successor would not want to take over the Middle East or eradicate Israel."

Iraq's aggression — the cause of the first post-Cold War crisis — has galvanized the Jewish community not because Kuwait's sovereignty has been violated by a neighboring bully but largely because Israel is indirectly involved. At Washington's insistence, Israel has kept a low profile so far.

Kuwait, which is deeply anti-Israel, does not evoke Jewish sympathy. Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family, currently in exile in Saudi Arabia, has not officially reconciled itself to Israel's existence, voted for every anti-Israel resolution at the United Nations, supported the PLO, and backed the Arab economic embargo against Israel. As well, Kuwait has sent token forces to fight Israel in Arab-Israeli wars.

Kuwait's territorial integrity, therefore, is of no real interest to American Jews, whose con-

cern for Israel's well being and survival is visceral and intellectual.

Nevertheless, Kuwait's predicament is of interest to Jews because of the nature of its enemy, Iraq — the only major Arab combatant in the War of Independence not to sign a ceasefire agreement with Israel. Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon signed the 1949 armistice agreements — but not Iraq.

Since then, Iraq has taken part in the 1967 Six Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War, albeit as a relatively minor player.

After Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, Syria and Iraq became Israel's most formidable military foes. Israel, being particularly worried about Iraq's nuclear program, bombed, and destroyed, its nuclear reactor in 1981, when Iraq was embroiled in what would be an eight-year war with Iran.

Last year, in a series of belligerent statements designed to bolster his prestige in the Arab world, Saddam threatened to "burn half of Israel" and come to the aid of any Arab nation attacked by the Jewish state.

From the outset of this crisis, Saddam, in a transparent bid to split the U.S.-led coalition facing Iraq, has attempted to draw Israel into its vortex. He has promised to evacuate Kuwait if the Palestinian problem is solved to his satisfaction, and he has threatened to attack Israel if war breaks out. Late last year Saddam went one step further, claiming he would fire missiles on Tel Aviv even if Israel remained on the sidelines.

When all these factors are taken into account, one begins to understand why American Jews tend to be hawkish on Iraq. But there are additional elements in the equation to consider. Jews accept Bush's reasoning that Iraq threatens not only the stability of the Middle East, which is already roiled by the Arab-Israeli conflict, but the sacrosanct conception of world order itself. More important, Jews — and Israel — fear Iraqi military power.

Although Jews don't necessarily buy Bush's argument that Saddam is comparable to Hitler (who could possibly be worse, after the cold-blooded murder of six million European Jews at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators?), they definitely believe that if he is not stopped now, he will strike again, from a position of greater strength, in the future.

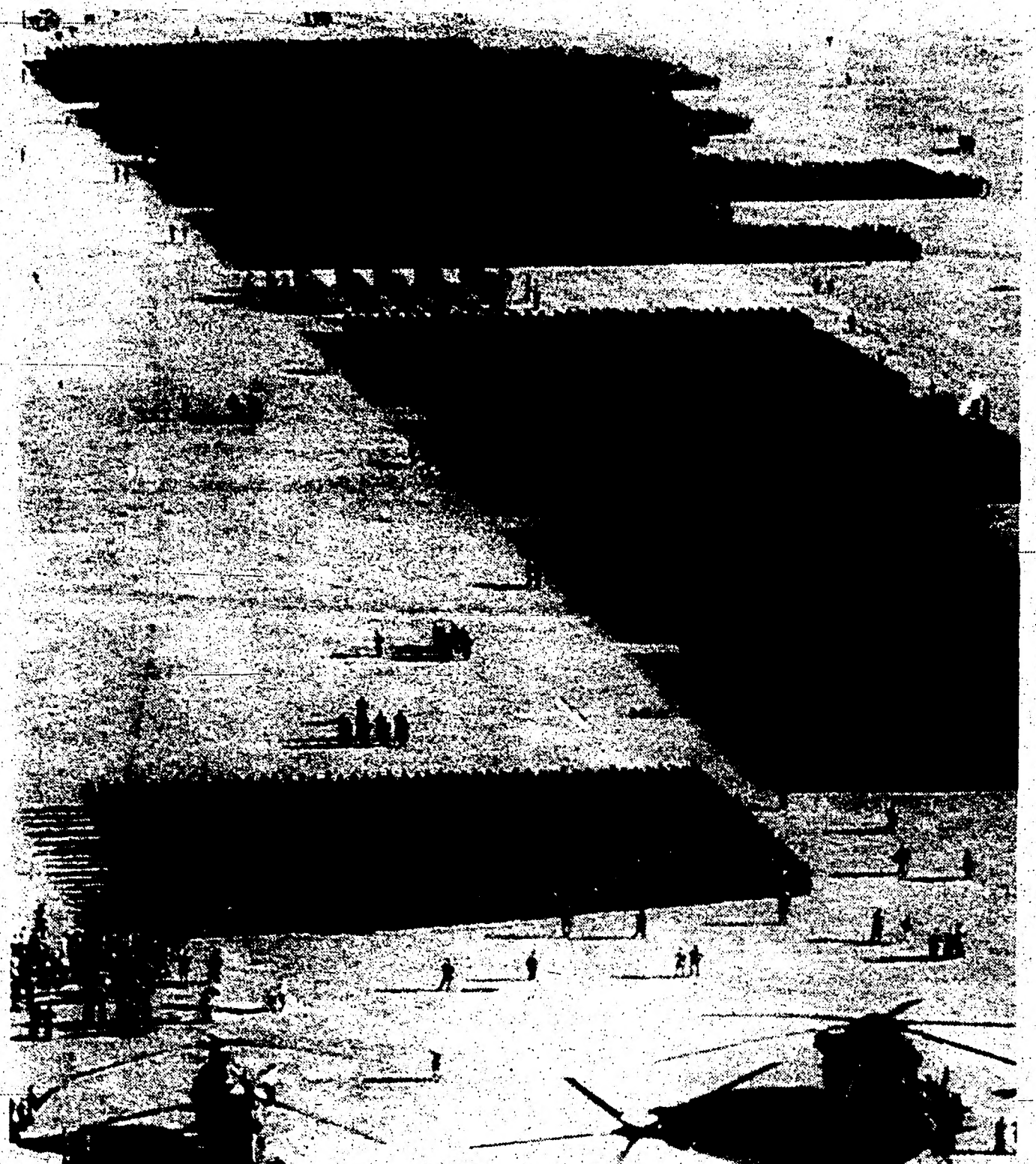
Michael Lerner, editor of the liberal bi-monthly Tikkun and a 1960s radical who served a jail sentence for opposing the war in Vietnam, is especially concerned about Iraq's military strength. Iraq's army of one million is battle-tested and possesses state-of-the-art equipment ranging from long-range missiles to chemical weapons, both of which were deployed in the stalemated war with Iran.

Lerner recommends an international conference to forge a comprehensive Middle East peace and to dismantle or destroy Iraq's offensive military capacity. "I mean by this," he writes in the November/December edition, "that Iraq's capacities for nuclear and chemical weapons and potential delivery systems — plus the key elements in the Iraqi military machinery that would make it possible for Hussein to fight a war with Israel — must be incapacitated in a way that prevents their being rebuilt in the next 20 years."

"Israel," he adds, "would do much better to face a war now, with the United States clearly involved, rather than later, when the United States had largely withdrawn from the region."

"I believe that failure to accomplish this dismantling of the Iraqi threat will lead to a greater loss of life in the near future."

Lerner invokes Jewish tradition to buttress his contention that Iraq poses an ineradicable danger



U.S. marines get set to go to Saudi Arabia.

to Israel. As he put it recently: "There is the concept of *rodeph*, that when somebody is chasing after you to get you, then it is appropriate to strike back."

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, editor of a recent English translation of the Talmud, told TV host Ted Koppel recently that a war in the Gulf could be justified within Jewish tradition.

And at a forum sponsored by the District of Columbia Jewish Community Centre, Rabbi Steinsaltz explained that that tradition "never believed in giving the second cheek. It is not practical, or, I believe, moral. There are times when the best and most moral response is hitting somebody — sometimes in the face and below the belt."

Arthur Waskow, director of the Philadelphia-based Shalom Centre and a prominent peacenik, is in the forefront of the Jewish anti-war coalition.

"The overwhelming Jewish view is that one uses violence under absolutely necessary conditions," he says. "One is supposed to take every reasonable step to avoid war because you destroy human beings and nature."

Waskow supports a policy of "aggressive peace," so that broad international sanctions prevent Iraq from further developing weapons of mass destruction.

"The Iraqi crisis could prompt us to take the next steps toward 'one earth,' and to deal with enormous problems in American economic, environmental, urban and racial-ethnic life," he writes in Tikkun. "Or it could become an excuse to return to swollen military budgets, rotting cities, disintegrating health systems, declining education and even more polluted earth, air and water."

Waskow is troubled by the American Jewish community's "mistaken view of what would be in Israel's best interests." Bombing Iraq, he claims, would bring "death and mutilation not only to large numbers of Iraqi civilians, but also to Americans, Egyptians, Israelis. It also risks a massive disruption of the world's oil supply, leading to deep economic disaster in the United States, Europe, Israel and Japan, and famines in the Third World."

The Jewish Peace Fellowship, which claims a membership of 3,500 pacifists, approves of force only if Iraq attacks Saudi Arabia or mounts an assault on Israel.

"(Bush's) awful rhetoric has convinced some Jewish groups of the evil of Saddam," says its president, Rabbi Philip Bentley of Jericho, N.Y. "But it is demeaning to our memory of the Shoah to call Saddam Hussein another Hitler. He's a lot of things, but he's no Hitler."

Rabbi Bentley has no doubt that Iraq's military power must be reduced. "The only question is: do you have to invade Iraq to do that?" A diplomatic solution, he avers, is possible.

Most Jews would probably prefer diplomacy to war, if they were convinced that peace talks would hasten Iraq's complete and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait, lead to a drastic reduction of its armed forces and separate the Gulf crisis from the Palestinian question.

But these objectives may not be attainable unless the United States and its coalition partners make use of the enormous force at their disposal.

There is no doubt what option the Israeli government prefers — a massive military strike designed to defang resurgent Iraq.

Life goes on but ...

Tension prompts requests for tranquilizers

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Saddam Hussein has forced our family doctor to work much harder than usual recently.

With a showdown approaching in the Persian Gulf, and Saddam continually threatening a missile-borne gas attack on Israel, our doctor has a constant stream of patients coming in for tranquilizers and reassurance.

This situation doesn't surprise him. More surprising is the fact that people are going about their daily round of activities without showing any outward signs of tension. Businesses are operating as usual and the many new shopping centres in the Tel Aviv area are all busting with window-

shoppers and customers alike.

Even along the Jordanian border, where King Hussein's troops are now massed, life goes on as usual. A member of Kibbutz Masada, for example, told reporters that he and his work team were continuing to cultivate the settlement's watermelon fields right next to the Jordanian border. "And while we see more army vehicles driving around," he went on, "we're not yet bothering to change the water in the kibbutz bomb shelters every night."

Part of the relative calm in the face of Iraqi threats stems from the general preoccupation with other matters, and particularly with the mass immigration from the Soviet Union. Nobody quite understands how it is possible to go on taking in

thousands of newcomers every day without, as yet, much new housing or many new jobs. But, somehow, it is being done.

Also diverting attention from the security situation is growing anger of non-Orthodox Israelis at the manner in which, as they see it, the ultra-Orthodox are being bribed with government handouts while shirking their responsibility to defend the country.

Nevertheless, the Gulf crisis is on the minds of Israelis. Recently, for example, the papers carried a report urging women who breastfeed to teach their babies how to drink from a bottle because it won't be possible to suckle them should they be inside anti-gas tents.

The report noted that the tents — in which infants and toddlers up to the age of three are to

be enclosed in the case of chemical warfare — contain two baby bottles and a pocket to hold them upright.

"Training babies to bottlefeed," mothers are assured, will not have an adverse effect on breastfeeding; two or three bottles a week are enough to ensure that the baby will "be prepared" if and when an air-raid alarm sounds.

Even if hostilities in the Gulf are averted by a partial or complete backdown by Saddam Hussein, Israel will still have cause for concern. In such circumstances, after all, she would be left facing threats from a still armed-to-the-teeth Iraqi dictator, as well as from an equally armed and an equally hostile Syrian dictator.

So our family doctor had best keep a supply of tranquilizers in stock.

Features

The Waldheim affair has yet to subside

Elaborate deception probed by American historian

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Millions of words in numerous foreign languages have been churned out on the strange case of Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian president who will best be remembered for his exquisitely selective memory about the Second World War.

Waldheim, the former two-term secretary-general of the United Nations, was an officer attached to a Wehrmacht unit implicated in brutality against Balkan partisans and civilians. And Waldheim belonged to several Nazi organizations.

Yet in authorized biographies and in his own memoirs, Waldheim cynically neglected to mention these startling facts.

In March of 1986, while he was campaigning for the presidency of Austria, these inconvenient truths finally emerged from obscurity, setting off an international furor that has yet to subside.

Very shortly afterwards, the World Jewish Congress in New York City hired an American historian to fill in gaps about Waldheim's nefarious activities in the Balkans. Since then, the Waldheim file has become something of an obsession for Robert Herzstein of the University of South Carolina.

The endless hours he spent combing dusty archives yielded further information on Waldheim and resulted in the publication of *Waldheim: The Missing Years*, which one critic has called "an ice-cold dissection of Kurt Waldheim's war years, his subsequent concealment of his role in German war crimes and his rise to the secretary-generalship of the United Nations."

His appetite sharpened by *Waldheim: The Missing Years*, Herzstein has embarked on a new paper trail to ascertain the extent to which Western — and Soviet — intelligence agencies were involved in what the World Jewish Congress has described as "one of the most elaborate deceptions of our time."

Documents related to his current research are held by the Central Intelligence Agency, and Herzstein is trying to gain access to them.

In writing *Waldheim: The Missing Years*, Herzstein scoured files from Washington and London to Belgrade and Vienna. He discovered that Cold War politics entered into the Waldheim equation.

Herzstein found that the Yugoslav government, for reasons connected to Josef Tito's split with Stalin, was less than candid about Waldheim's role, and that various U.S. agencies in postwar Austria were close to the then pro-American Austrian foreign minister, Karl Gruber, Waldheim's mentor and chief protector.

"Waldheim may have been useful to Western intelligence agencies, particularly when he was secretary-general of the United Nations. And I've heard stories that Waldheim was blackmailed by the Soviet Union, and was under its control. But there's no evidence for that."

Herzstein, who was in Toronto recently to deliver a lecture at Holocaust Education Week, was recommended to the World Jewish Congress on the strength of his work on captured Nazi documents. "Congress wanted someone who knew his way around archives and who was familiar with the Nazi period."

Herzstein concedes he had a rather dim view of Waldheim. "I had a fleeting suspicion about him. I met him socially in 1979 at the University of South Carolina, and wondered how a man like him, a healthy Austrian, could have evaded military service at a time when even elderly men were being conscripted into the German army."

Waldheim, it will be recalled, claimed that he had been a law student in Vienna for most of the war. "In his memoirs," Herzstein points out, "he omitted his entire Balkan experience."

The World Jewish Congress assignment, which



Robert Herzstein

lasted for no more than a few weeks, merely whetted his curiosity about Waldheim. In the summer of 1986, Herzstein signed a contract with a New York publisher for a book about the nooks and crannies of Waldheim's life and career as a soldier and diplomat. And in the following year, he interviewed Waldheim at his regal presidential residence in Vienna.

"I went into the interview with the deep suspicion that he had been involved in questionable activities. I never regarded him as an (Adolf) Eichmann or a (Heinrich) Himmler, though I was incorrectly quoted as having said that Waldheim had been a major figure in the Holocaust."

Waldheim received Herzstein courteously, but the substantive aspects of his reminiscences left something to be desired. "In certain areas, such as the 1942 Kozara massacres of partisans in Yugoslavia, for which he received a high military decoration from the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, he drew a blank. In areas where I had documents, he was helpful."

When *Waldheim: The Missing Years* was published, Herzstein sent Waldheim a copy. Waldheim was not entirely pleased. "His letter to me, via his secretary, was quite cool."

Although Herzstein bears no animus for his subject, he concedes that he is extremely disappointed with Waldheim's reluctance to "come clean historically. I don't know if he was lying, suppressing or blocking these terrible events. These are psychological questions."

However, Herzstein has no doubts about the self-serving streak in Waldheim's personality. "His career has been a series of opportunistic shifts. If there had been 82 Jewish states at the United Nations, Waldheim would probably have walked around in a yarmulke. He's eminently adaptable."

In his view, Waldheim is not a war criminal, but rather "an accessory in the commission of war crimes," someone who helped "facilitate the process."

Waldheim, he argues, participated in "acts of persecution" against Serbs, Greeks and Italians. And incidentally, he was in Salonika throughout December of 1942, the month in which Salonika's vast Jewish cemetery was destroyed.

Waldheim, he believes, is not an overt anti-Semite. "But I'm concerned that, in his autobiography, he omitted mention of his marriage to a fanatical Nazi."

While Herzstein is loath to brand Waldheim a Nazi, he claims that Waldheim appealed to

"certain anti-Semitic elements" during his campaign for the presidency.

Noting that Waldheim is legally entitled to run for a second term, Herzstein warned that his tenacity and ambition should not be underestimated. "He always finds a garb of higher ideals to cloak his ambition," Herzstein said. "Nevertheless, I tend to think he won't run. He's under tremendous pressure not to run."

In his estimation, the Waldheim affair has had a surprisingly positive impact on Austria. "There has been a strengthening of Jewish identity among young Austrian Jews, and some young Austrian academics have developed a new consciousness of Austria's past and the fascistic mindset of some Austrians."

He disagrees with an assessment by Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal that the World Jewish Congress' involvement in the Waldheim affair placed Austrian Jewry in a profound predicament. In May of 1986, a month before the presidential election, Wiesenthal was quoted as saying: "If Waldheim wins, people will say it was because of the Jews. If he should lose, people will say the Jews killed our candidate."

"It's unfair to blame the World Jewish Congress for Austrian anti-Semitism," he counters. "It's unfortunate that Wiesenthal became involved in verbal warfare with the World Jewish Congress."

In any event, the worst effects of the Waldheim affair on Austrian Jews had diminished by 1987, he says.



Kurt Waldheim (centre) in his German army uniform.

Herzstein, a native of New York's Lower East Side, is interested in the phenomenon of denial, which not only figured in the Waldheim controversy, but which frames the arguments of Holocaust revisionists.

"They're crackpots," he says dismissively of propagandists who either downplay or deny the Holocaust.

Holocaust denial has not infiltrated American academia, though "it's horrible to listen to if you're a survivor."

More dangerous than Holocaust denial is the "relativization" of the Final Solution — the facile comparison of the Holocaust with other brutal episodes in history.

During the 1980s, German historians debated the uniqueness, or lack thereof, of the Holocaust. Herzstein monitored their debate closely. "The people who made the case for the unique quality of the Holocaust won and, therefore, the 'historians' debate' is over. But it was a disturbing phenomenon simply because it had occurred."

The most effective way of combating Holocaust denial and relativization is for survivors to bear witness and for historians to redou-



Kurt Waldheim

ble their efforts to unearth still more Holocaust documents.

In this respect, he says, archives in Eastern Europe may be of significant help. "The one German document implicating John Demjanjuk in the Holocaust was produced by the Soviet Union, and its authenticity is absolute. One, therefore, wonders how many more documents exist in the Soviet Union. There may be a treasure trove of documents from Prague to Moscow."

Such documents, he avers, could shed light on the Holocaust in, say, White Russia and the Baltics. "And who knows what may turn up in Romania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria?"

Herzstein is convinced that the Office of Special Investigations, the Nazi hunting arm of the U.S. Department of Justice, is fully committed to bringing war criminals to justice. "These people are absolutely sincere. Their cases run into the hundreds."

The recipient of a New York University PhD in modern European history, Herzstein began delving into the Holocaust in the 1960s. Before writing *Waldheim: The Missing Years*, he produced a book about Nazi propaganda techniques, as well as a number of scholarly papers on National Socialism. Since *Waldheim: The Missing Years*, he has published *Roosevelt and Hitler: Prelude to War*.

At present, Herzstein is working on a biography of media magnet Henry Luce, the co-founder of the Time-Life empire. Herzstein wants to establish how Luce, through his magazines, influenced U.S. global policy and attitudes vis-a-vis the Holocaust.

After the 1938 Munich crisis, Luce renounced isolationism. But by 1941, he was privately campaigning for an American declaration of war against Nazi Germany, urging this policy on President Franklin Roosevelt.

"Luce didn't give the Holocaust enough space in his magazines. Time, like other publications, didn't go out of its way to identify Jews as the main victims of the Holocaust." Luce, he believes, didn't want to leave the impression that the Second World War was a "Jewish war."

Luce, Herzstein adds, was never an anti-Semite, though he shared the snobbish class prejudices of the Anglo-Saxon elite of which he was part.

"I have quite a favorable view of Luce, a powerful and brilliant man. Luce changed, he grew, he appreciated the contribution of Jews to American culture."

Flow of foreign dignitaries just about dries up

Baghdad mission works to Waldheim's advantage

By
RITA KOCH

VIENNA

Austrian President Kurt Waldheim is back in the news again, thanks to the Gulf crisis and an incident at the Salzburg Musical Festival last summer.

Soon after Iraq invaded and annexed Kuwait, announcing that foreign residents in Iraq would be held hostage, Waldheim flew to Baghdad to plead for the release of 96 Austrian "guests."

Saddam Hussein acceded to Waldheim's request. About one month earlier, in Salzburg, the president of Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel,

dressed down Waldheim, admonishing him not "to forget the lesson of history."

For better or worse, Waldheim was once again in the spotlight.

Waldheim's failure to disclose his war record in his official biography became an issue in the 1986 presidential campaign and caused him to be placed on the U.S. Watch List of suspected war crimes participants which makes him officially unwelcome to visit the United States.

Vienna's luxurious Imperial Hotel is the place where the Austrian government receives state visitors. Over the years, such luminaries as President John F. Kennedy, Shah Mohammed Reza

Pahlavi of Iran, Queen Elizabeth II and Leonid Brezhnev have come and gone.

But during the past 4½ years — the Waldheim presidency — the flow of foreign dignitaries has all but dried up. Only Austrian flags can be seen on the rooftop of the Imperial Palace since Waldheim took office. The man who served for 10 years as secretary general of the United Nations is isolated in his office at the Hofburg (the former Imperial Palace). He has also caused the isolation of this country and all Austrian political figures. Even those who promoted Waldheim's election are well aware of this.

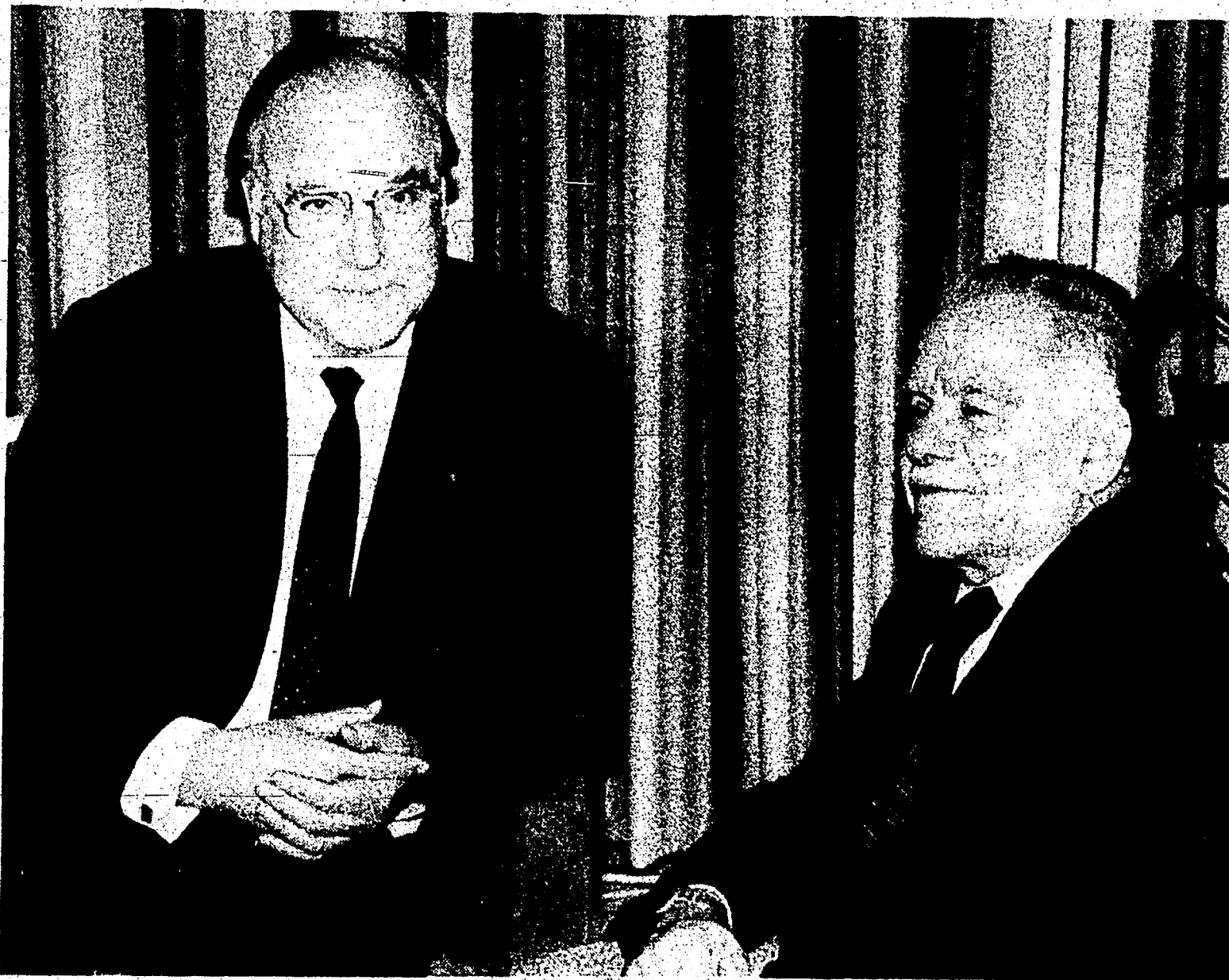
It had been generally expected — even by his supporters — that he would soon tell the Austri-

an public that he would step down in two years, and not seek re-election at the conclusion of his term.

But then came the Persian Gulf crisis, in which Saddam offered him a chance to gain a higher profile on the world stage. His flight to Baghdad, and his return to Vienna with Austrian nationals, was a timely publicity stunt, an action that involved no risks, a calculated success at the right time.

Now, after the acclaim gained from Austrians for his "heroic mission," who would dare ask him to step down?

(International Jewish Media Association)



German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (left) is shown with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Germany agrees to help absorb Soviet Jewish refugees

BONN (JTA) —

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the prime ministers of the 16 German states agreed at a meeting here last week that the states would share the burden of receiving and absorbing Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union, who are arriving at the rate of 100 to 200 a day.

The federal government in Bonn will settle the legal status of Soviet Jews already in the country, and no quotas will be imposed on the future influx.

A government spokesman said the decision was unanimous but did not specify how the absorption burden would be shared between the states and the

federal authorities.

Other sources said that, for all practical purposes, the absorption of immigrants is a matter for the states. The federal government's contribution will be mainly to help the immigrants get entry documents and to settle their legal status once they arrive.

The decision was a significant concession to the German Jewish community, which has been lobbying vigorously for free entry for Soviet Jews. The community hopes to strengthen its ranks with the new arrivals and reopen old Jewish centres in what until three months ago was East Germany.

Virtually all Soviet emigres arrive in what had been East Berlin. An office was established there last year by the East German government to offer the immigrants legal advice and direct them to agencies that could provide food and temporary housing.

Since unification however, the municipality of Berlin, which is also a state itself, has complained that it lacks the resources to keep pace with the influx. It is demanding an equitable arrangement that would require other states to share the absorption burden, based on their wealth, income, population and available housing.

The agreement reached

here Wednesday is likely to attract some Soviet Jews who were hesitant about going to Germany rather than Israel, where the vast majority are immigrating. That is all the more likely considering the tense situation in the Middle East, observers said.

Foreign Ministry sources said some 15,000 Soviet Jews have applied for entry visas at German consulates in Moscow and Leningrad. Most have been coming as tourists and simply overstaying the six-week period allowed holders of Soviet passports.

No Jew who has settled in Germany has been expelled.

Nudel addresses Hadassah-WIZO

EDMONTON —

"I asked myself many times if I was crazy," Ida Nudel told over 320 people at Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO's Medical Services reception held in December. Nudel was finally allowed to emigrate to Israel in 1987, after battling the Soviet regime for 16 years to obtain an exit visa. She is a tiny woman with large brown eyes. Though she suffered much harassment by the KGB, four years in Siberia, administrative chases from town to town, she is not yet content to rest. Her strong determination and spirit still speak out to address Jewish problems as she sees them.

Soviet Jews could always achieve a certain measure of success, but we lived with "wounded pride." In spite of officially molding a new society without ethnic identities, the state took every opportunity to put us down, says Nudel, to remind us that, as Jews, we were less than others.

Nudel's Jewish pride was awakened to action after the Six Day War in 1967. In Israel's victory was the realization that Russian Jews were bound by the same Jewish spirit, the same sense of destiny that had kept the Jewish people hoping, praying, and working for a home of our own for 2,000 years.

Life in jeopardy

She was aware that her actions during those years of Refusenik existence placed her life in jeopardy, but "a point comes when you cannot tolerate any more."

The dismantling of the Soviet regime today is a miracle. Yet she implores us not to relax. "We must do more and more." It has become worse, she declares; since Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev came to power, Jews have again become the unofficial scapegoat.

The Pamyat organization is becoming increasingly vo-

cal and rumors of pogroms have surfaced. Nudel wants to speed up emigration to a still faster pace out of Russia. Two million Jews have applied for exit visas, she says, but even at 200,000 a year, it will still take 10 years for everyone to leave. She does not trust that this will really happen.

The first wave of Russian olim in the 1970s encountered indifference from Israelis. Word got back to the Soviet Union, and eventually 90 per cent of Russian Jews chose to settle in other countries. This must not be allowed to happen now, says Nudel.

Immigration changes land

She readily admits that this mass immigration to Israel presents many problems for smooth integration. Such an influx of people cannot help but change the spirit, the economy, and the political balance of the country and many in Israel today are afraid of such change, she admits. "But the Jewish people world over must prove we can cope."

Though Nudel loves her homeland and wants all the Jews presently leaving the Soviet Union to make their home in Israel, as a professional economist, she is highly critical of Israel's socialist economy.

With 70 per cent of the economy centralized, it "doesn't move" and she is upset that "nothing has been done in the past year." She believes that Israel must transform its economy of young people will leave.

She calls on all world Jewry to act now so that the Israeli government will make those changes she sees as being vital to the fate of Israel. "Our fates are bound," she states. "If things in Israel are bad, Jews everywhere will feel it."

Whereas she has finally realized her own personal dream of aliya, Nudel beseeches us to be aware that the "struggle is not over."

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Slowly making their way to Israel

Ethiopian Jews hopeful as emigration increases

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (JTA) —

While thousands of Soviet Jews arrive nightly at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport, thousands of potential immigrants from Ethiopia are praying only that the new pace of 200 departures for Israel per week can be maintained.

Two weeks ago, some 198 Ethiopian Jews left on a flight to Israel, and another group of 200 was expected to leave last week.

The combined total was more than came out in all of October and almost as many as came out during all of last month.

But the new feeling of hope shared by the thousands of Ethiopian Jews who gather daily on the grounds of the Israeli Embassy here is mingled with the sober realization that even this accelerated departure rate means it will take at least two years until the last Jew leaves the country.

Presently some 22,000 Ethiopian Jews, virtual refugees from their homes in the Gondar region, 450 miles north of Addis Ababa, live in horrifying conditions in the heart of the Ethiopian capital, waiting for their turn to join relatives in Israel.

But emigration is still proceeding at a slow pace, mostly because the Ethiopian authorities stick to the principle of family reunification.

The Ethiopian govern-

ment generally does not allow its citizens to leave the country. But in the case of the Jewish population, it has made an exception, provided that the emigres prove they have relatives expecting them in Israel.

Some of the bureaucratic obstacles to emigration have been removed.

The Ethiopian government once required all potential emigres to have documents, issued by authorities in their home region, verifying that they have no debts or that they have provided a local guarantor to cover potential debts.

Now, the authorities are satisfied with a guarantee provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel on behalf of the entire immigrant population.

But there is still a considerable amount of paperwork involved, with verification documents shipped back and forth among Ethiopian immigration authorities and Israeli officials both here and at the Jewish Agency offices in Tel Aviv.

At least half of the immigration applications filed here are turned back by the Ethiopians for further clarification, said a senior official at the Israeli Embassy.

The extended waiting has brought the immigrants impatience, despair, and sometimes tragedy.

A father who had lost two children to diseases contracted during the ear-

ly days of the exodus is spending his days in a narrow shelter that used to house animals, waiting for the moment when he can fly to Israel to see his other two sons, who are already there.

A woman whose son is about to immigrate gets ready to return home to Gondar, with little chance of ever seeing him again. She is not Jewish, but her son is entitled to make aliya because his Jewish father is already in Israel. She came to Addis Ababa to look after the 18-year-old until he could board the plane.

Various Jewish officials from abroad have tried in recent months to minimize the misery of the Ethiopian Jews.

A medical team sent by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, under the direction of Dr. Ted Myers of San Francisco and assisted by 97 local health facilitators, tackled initial health problems and has brought down the monthly death rate from 39 in July to 13 in November.

Virtually all of the Ethiopian Jews have now been immunized against common infectious diseases, which are the largest killers in this impoverished country.

A cultural centre, spread over 27 straw-roof huts on the grounds of the Israeli Embassy, offers basic education to some 3,600 children and youths in four shifts.

Grown-ups are kept busy



A drastic slow down in the immigration of Ethiopian Jews has caused much consternation among Ethiopians living in Israel who had hoped to be reunited with those members of their families still in Ethiopia. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahou is welcomed at the Ethiopian Jewish holiday of Sigd. [IPPA photo]

in a mattress manufacturing project. They receive a monthly allowance that takes care of expenses they incur while waiting in Addis Ababa.

The Ethiopian govern-

ment's attitude toward the Ethiopian aliyah is ambivalent.

On the one hand, the authorities have acquiesced to the fact that part of their population is leaving for

another country. On the other hand, sources say, Ethiopia expects more progress in the form of economic aid from Israel and an improvement of relations with the United

States.

If it were not for political problems, said a senior embassy official, "I could have gotten out the entire Jewish population within one week."

Albanian Jews wait to settle in the U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Thirty-seven Jews from Albania, Eastern Europe's last remaining Communist stronghold, have arrived in Italy and are awaiting resettlement in the United States.

The emigres, all members of one family, are among the first in what is expected to be a mass migration of the country's tiny Jewish community, estimated to number anywhere between 500 and 1,000 people, according to officials involved.

Officials said a few families are already in Israel, but it is unclear when they arrived as part of "Operation Flying Carpet," as the emigration of Albanian Jews is being called.

The departure of Jews from Albania, whose people remained in virtual isolation for decades under the Stalinist rule of Enver Hoxha, comes as the country is taking tentative steps toward establishing an open system.

The new Communist leadership has agreed to allow opposition parties in this country of 3.3 million, and the total ban on religion reportedly has been eased. The majority of Albanians are Moslems.

"For 45 years, there was no Jewish community life nor synagogue, and they could not celebrate their

holidays in public," said an official connected with the emigration.

"But the males said they were all circumcised, demonstrating as a fact they haven't forgotten their Judaism," the official said.

One Albanian man, when asked by an Italian customs official about the large menorah he had in his bag, reportedly said, "Why are you asking me about this? I had to keep it buried in my yard for years."

Processed by HIAS

The extended family of 37 was flown from the Albanian capital of Tirana to Rome, where their migration processing is being handled by HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, said Karl Zukerman, its executive vice president. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is handling the costs incurred during their stay in Italy, he said.

Exit visas for the Jews were obtained after months of quiet negotiations be-

tween Israel and Albania with the help of the Italian government, said an official connected with the emigration. In general, a family member traveled to nearby Athens or Rome and then returned to Albania with Israeli visas for the whole family.

Several Albanian Jews visited Israel as tourists last summer, and it is apparently in the wake of their reports back that larger numbers of Jews have decided to make aliya.

Albanian Jews with relatives in the United States will be allowed to join their families here, while the others are expected to settle in Israel, officials said. Most Albanian Jews originally come from Greece, and many fled to Albania during the Second World War to escape the Nazis.

Albania, located on the Adriatic Sea bordering Greece and Yugoslavia, was annexed by Italy during the war, but gained its freedom in 1944, in a revolution led by Hoxha.

Hoxha died in 1985 and was succeeded by Ramiz Alia, who is the current Communist party leader. Although Tirana has expressed interest in establishing full relations with the United States, Washington has not taken any moves in this direction.

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Netanyahu tells Congress delegates:

Canada's UN votes hurt Israel

JERUSALEM —

Canadian Jewish Congress wrapped up its first-ever National Executive Committee meetings in Israel with a spirited address by deputy foreign minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu said that Israel draws a distinction between friendly bilateral relations with a country and multilateral relations at the United Nations. "There should not be such a gap between the two," he remarked. "We have seen this at the United Nations, not only in the case of Canada but the United States as well."

Netanyahu said Israel is not pleased with Canada's voting action at the United Nations, nor is it happy with the United States in that regard. He explained that the Arab countries try to introduce the most extreme resolutions against Israel. Friendly states, such as Canada and the United States, then attempt to water them down so that they are not quite as extreme, but remain, nonetheless, unfair and unacceptable from the Israeli perspective.

On the subject of the Gulf crisis, the deputy foreign minister pointed out that Iraq's attempt to link this situation to the Palestinian question must be refused at every opportunity. "How did we get into the West Bank?" he asked. "We were attacked. We were going to be Kuwait, but we fought back. The difference between Israel and Iraq is the difference between aggression and self-defence."

CJC president Les Scheininger categorized the eight days of high-level meetings and field visits to relevant locales as "a watershed and milestone" in terms of Canada-Israel relations. A total of 150 people participated in the meetings.

"We have 150 people who made a statement," Scheininger said. "Despite the Gulf crisis and the threat of war, they have



Benjamin Netanyahu

spoken loud and clear that they will not be intimidated by the words of an oppressor. This trip was announced last February, well before anyone had a notion that Saddam Hussein would invade Kuwait and threaten to attack Israel, and went ahead as scheduled."

Over the past week, CJC leaders heard from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir; Foreign Minister David Levy; Defence Minister Moshe Arens; Housing Minister Ariel Sharon; Labor Party leader Shimon Peres; Minister of Science, Energy and Technology Yuval Neeman; Histadrut Secretary General Israel Kessar; Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz; new Canadian Ambassador to Israel Michael Bell; and a Palestinian newspaper editor, Hanna Seniora. There were also briefings from the foreign ministry, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Israel Defence Forces.

Remarks by Arens recognizing Canada's friendship but calling upon Canada to improve its relations with Israel received a significant amount of media attention and virtually

set the tone for the meetings. The minister said there is considerable room for improvement in relations. He also criticized Canadian voting patterns on Israel at the United Nations.

"Arens was expressing his frustration with a friend," said Scheininger. "What Mr. Arens said regarding Canada's role at the UN is not dissimilar to what Canadian Jewish Congress has been saying in meetings with the Canadian government over the past year and a half."

The Canadian ambassador stated that Canada wishes to continue its strong commitment to Israel. Foreign Minister Levy confirmed at these meetings that he will be coming to Canada next month to meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

Bell said that Canada is prepared to issue \$500 million in trade credits to Canadian companies wishing to build housing. Tenders have gone out as Israel constructs thousands of homes for the new Soviet immigrants. Bell also stated that the Cana-

an trade mission to Israel is now in the planning stages.

Regarding Canada-Israel relations, Peres expressed concern that despite Canadian commitment to Israel, its UN positions are a source of concern.

Peres stressed his desire for a resolution to the Palestinian issue. "We have to try and put an end to the intifada," he said. "We must turn to the political side, not the military one."

Seniora, chief editor of the Palestinian El Faj'ar newspaper, spoke about the two-state solution to the conflict and expressed his hope that peace will soon come to the region. He placed the onus on Israel to make the effort in this regard.

Moshe Ronen, chairman of the CJC National Executive Committee, believes that the meetings provided Congress leaders with a broad perspective on Israel and the Jewish agenda.

Soviet Jewry and the massive aliya movement was a recurring theme, as were the issues of the new arrivals from Ethiopia, Nazi war criminals, the territories, settlements, Israel's economy and Eastern Europe.

"This was a week of National Executive Committee meetings in the most true sense of the word," commented Ronen. "To sit and listen to senior cabinet ministers and government officials express their views and then have the opportunity to respond directly to them was an extremely valuable experience."

Scheininger emphasized that the trip was in keeping with the commitment he and Ronen made at the beginning of their mandate a year and a half ago to place Israel at the top of the CJC agenda.

"We look forward to returning home and, together with the Canada-Israel Committee, working towards the best Canada-Israel relations possible," he said.

Germans urged to visit Yad Vashem

JERUSALEM —

Canadian Jewish Congress chose to hold sessions of its National Executive Committee focusing on war crimes and the Holocaust than Yad Vashem.

Following an address about the Holocaust by Prof. Emil Fackenheim, the group of 150 delegates toured the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Children's Memorial and participated in a special memorial service.

"Germany is reunited," stated Fackenheim, who was introduced by Gerda Frieberg of Toronto. "It is the German people much more than you who should be coming to Jerusalem and visiting Yad Vashem."

CJC National Executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone moderated a session entitled



Jack Silverstone, national executive director, CJC.

Justice in Jerusalem. The panelists were: Prof. Irwin Cotler, a past CJC president residing in Israel for the year and lecturing at Hebrew University; Ephraim Zuroff of the Simon Wiesenthal Institute; and Marvin Hankin of the Israel ministry of justice.

Cotler, who was CJC senior legal counsel before the Deschenes Commission, spoke against the notion of prosecuting "old men" for crimes committed 45 years ago. "By not bringing these Nazi war criminals to justice you are simply opening up to the new ones," he stressed.

Hankin discussed the Israel war crimes process and the country's extradition treaties. Zuroff noted that the Wiesenthal Institute continues to try and locate as many living Nazi war criminals as possible.

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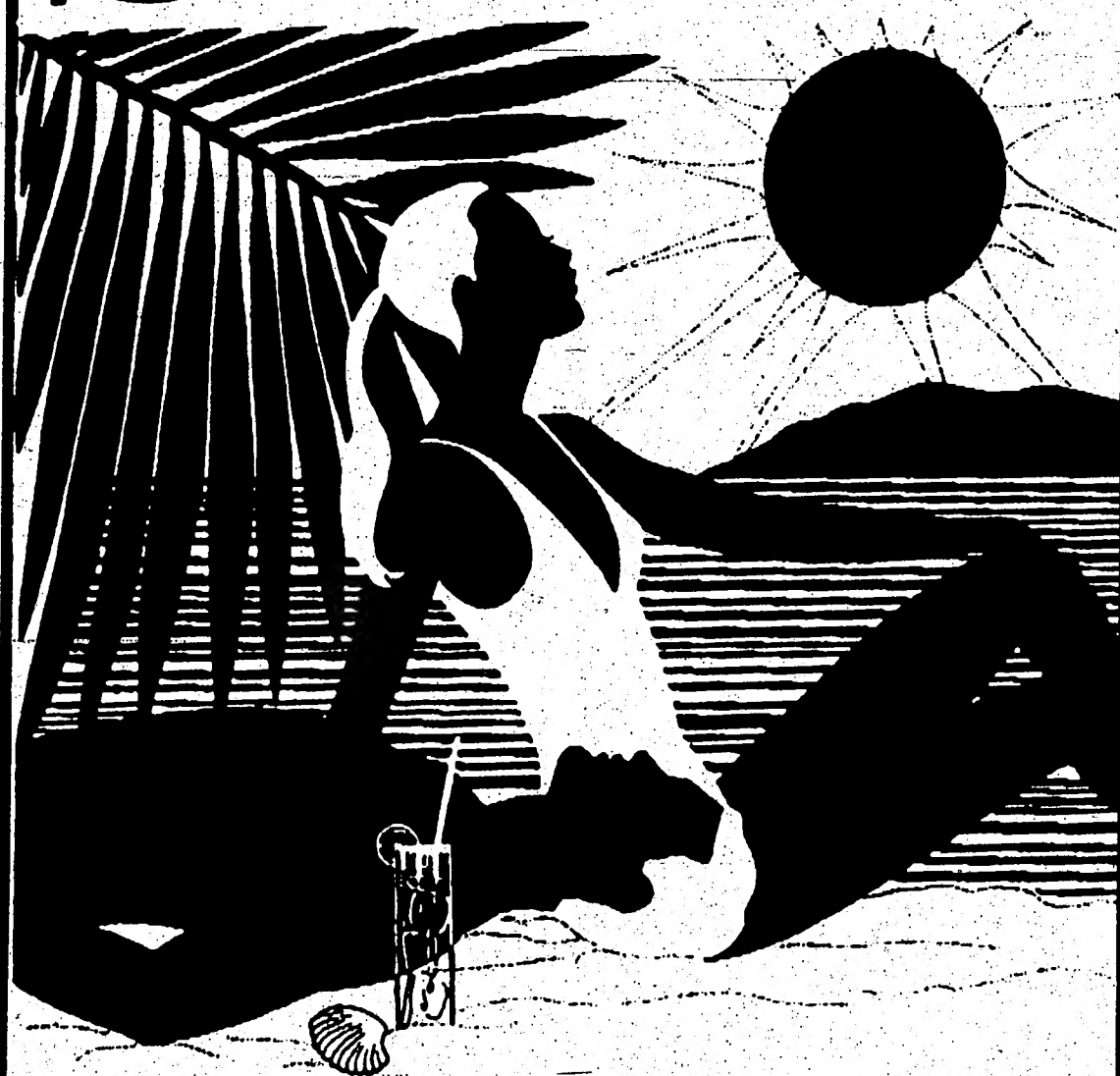
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*Meet with Sharon, Levy, Dinitz***Congress receives aliya briefer****JERUSALEM —**

The Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive Committee, meeting here for the first time in its 72-year history, got a comprehensive day of background and hands-on experience regarding the massive aliya process of Soviet Jews.

The group of 150 heard from Jewish Agency chairman, Simcha Dinitz and Israeli Minister of Science and Technology Yuval Neeman, in addition to taking part in field visits to analyse and witness direct absorption issues.

Earlier in the meetings the CJC group had heard from Housing Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister David Levy on the issue, in addition to travelling to Ben Gurion Airport at 2:30 a.m. to greet a plane of 470 new olim from the Soviet Union.

This was a historic moment, as minutes after the Soviet plane arrived so did a plane full of Ethiopian olim. It marked the first time the two groups of olim had arrived simultaneously.

**Simcha Dinitz**

Dinitz said that the Jewish Agency now has 28 emissaries in 24 Soviet cities. That number will increase to 50 next month as Israel prepares to absorb one million new olim from the U.S.S.R. within three years and six million by 1996.

"People ask me what the rush is," said Dinitz. "We don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. I want to take the largest amount of Jews out in the

shortest amount of time."

Neeman said he is excited about what the new olim will bring to Israel. He noted that for every 100,000 Soviet immigrants, there are 2,000 research people. "With 600,000 new olim expected in the next two years that will give us 6,000 researchers in the field of science," he explained.

"That is the number we are at now. This means doubling our potential. We will have a tremendous Israel. We have to come up with ways to make sure these people stay here and become useful elements of the population."

Neeman emphasized that he has a great many projects in mind to ameliorate the absorption of Soviet scientists into society. He has asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for \$28 million NIS, threatening to resign his post if this does not occur.

For most of the day the group was divided into three, with two buses visiting absorption facilities at Hadassah Hospital and a third going to the growing

city of Rishon LeZion, with a population of 150,000 people. That includes 10,000 new Soviet immigrants.

The CJC members heard from the mayor and city officials and met with several new olim, who told some very personal and interesting stories about their adjustment to a new life.

There were also stops at the Project Renewal sites of Kfar Gvirol and Or Yehuda. At Or Yehuda, a municipality of 22,000 which will reach 400,000 in a few years time, Mayor Itzhak Bukovsa and Jewish Agency Deputy Secretary General Ilan Rubin addressed the group. Orot Hashchuna, the youth troupe composed of teenagers from Project Renewal communities, performed.

CJC president Les Scheininger commented that there is no better lesson for community leaders to take home than witnessing first-hand the Soviet aliya process. "I think our people can understand better what this all means to the future of Israel and how challenging it is to coordinate," he said.

Role of media in Israel examined**JERUSALEM —**

The job of a reporter in Israel has a wide array of challenges, Canadian Jewish Congress leaders gathered here were told during a panel discussion focusing on Israel and the Media.

Jerusalem Post editorial editor David Ben-Ilan moderated the lively two-hour session which was comprised of CBC Radio correspondent Mark Lavie, Toronto Star Middle East bureau chief Bob Hepburn and Ma'ariv political reporter Avinoam Baar Yosef.

Bar-Ilan, who also writes a weekly media-watch column in the Post, said that he believes the press coverage Israel receives is unfair and biased.

"Before 1967 Israel was considered to be an underdog in the Middle East and at that time it was impossible to find a correspondent who would say something bad about Israel," Bar-Ilan stated.

"That all changed with Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War. Once we won it, it seemed like we were the new power. We became the oppressors and the Palestinians became the underdogs."

Hepburn, who assumed his current posting in Jerusalem last September after serving the Star in Ottawa and Washington, said Israel should be congratulated for its open policy with the press.

He agreed that there are many people in North America who simply do not know all the facts. He spoke about some of his own friends with graduate

**Eric Slavens [Graphic Artists photo]**

degrees who did not know the origin of the term "West Bank."

"I don't believe Jerusalem is an ultra-violent city," Hepburn said. "I spent the last four years in the murder capital of the United States where there were 700 murders in one year alone. But this is a city which does have problems."

Lavie, who made aliya to Israel in 1972 and joined CBC Radio four years ago, disagreed with Bar-Ilan's assessment that reporters here have an anti-Israel bias. He noted that Israel is considered to be a plum

assignment for any reporter.

"The correspondent who has been sent here has done something awful good to get here," he pointed out. "Therefore, the people you see on television, hear on the radio and read in the newspapers are probably the best journalists in the western world."

Bar Yosef, who toured Canada last June under the auspices of the CJC National Israel Action Committee, spoke from the point of view of an Israeli journalist with 21 years of experience in the field, including six years covering the territories.

"In a place where you have the camera, you have a show," Bar Yosef said, referring to Arab stonethrowers and rioters. "I'm sure that most of the foreign networks and journalists are doing their best to be professional, but the moment they come in to the territories for instance, the show is on."

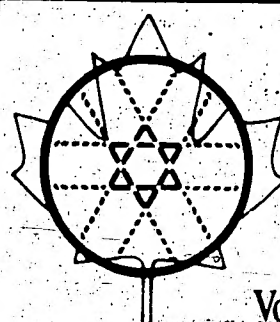
Hepburn complained that while doing some research recently into the killing of Palestinians by other Palestinians, he could not get proper co-operation from Israel security authorities regarding proper figures.

Bar-Ilan noted that the press in Israel, which includes 350 foreign bureaus, has become so powerful that it is almost like a branch of government in itself.

Lavie said journalists in Israel must be objective. "I have strong political views but I keep them out of my broadcasts," he remarked. "My job is to be your eyes and ears."

Regarding the coverage of the recent murder of three Jews by a Palestinian worker in Jaffa, Bar-Ilan mentioned that this was typical of the anti-Israel bias. In 20 American and British newspapers he analysed on the incident, he said he could find only one with an honest headline. It read Arab Kills Jews. Others had slugs such as "Arab stabbed after three Jews found dead."

CJC Ontario Region chairman Eric Slavens chaired the session, which also included a spirited question and answer period.

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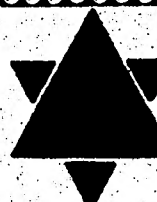
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By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

Thursday, Jan. 17

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Aftermath (Self-help for Families of Sexually Abused Children) presents a public forum on Child Sexual Abuse, The Criminal Justice System, at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 in the Ontario Hydro Building, 2nd floor auditorium, 700 University Ave. (s.w. corner at College - Queen's Park subway station).

Admission is free and audience participation is welcome. Free childcare will be provided, if requested. The meeting is signed for the hearing impaired. Wheelchair accessible.

For additional information call 461-4709.

Friday, Jan. 18.

HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., in a program featuring Jewish, Hebrew, and semi-classical music.

Saturday, Jan. 19

ALMONDS AND RAISINS

Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave. (Lawrence and Dufferin area), will show the film *Almonds and Raisins*, narrated by **Orson Welles**, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19. The movie, to be projected onto a giant screen, is a highly entertaining portrait of the Yiddish film industry, including vignettes of such stars as **Maurice Schwartz**, **Molly Picon** and **Moishe Oysher**. Admission is \$5. For further information, call 782-4495.

KLESMER BAND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood proudly presents, following Sisterhood Shabbat, a spectacular Coffee House Evening with The Flying Bulgar Klesmer Band, to start at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19.

Sing! Dance! Enjoy! Tickets, \$18 per person, are available at the synagogue office, 633-6500.

Sunday, Jan. 20

ADATH ISRAEL BROTHERHOOD

A timely talk is slated for 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 20, when Adath Israel Brotherhood, 37 Southbourne Ave., invites you to hear **Benjamin Abileah**, consul general of Israel, discuss Israel's Military Preparedness in Light of the Current Persian Gulf Crisis.

Everyone is welcome.

PNAI MEETING

The Toronto Chapter, Parents of North American Israelis, will hold its next meeting 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

A panel discussion on Israel Today is scheduled with **Rabbi Phillip Scheim**, **Moshe Ronen** and **David Rotenberg**, who have all recently visited Israel. A question period follows.

Guests are welcome.

TRAVEL DRAW AND PARTY

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is holding a Travel Extravaganza Draw and Party 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20 at Paparazzi Restaurant and Nightclub, 270 West Beaver Creek Rd., Richmond Hill.

Ticket price of \$175 (\$95 raffle ticket, \$80, CFHU contribution) entitles the bearer to 12 chances to win a trip for two, and two tickets to the party. For further information, call **Merle Goldman**, 485-8000.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Dr. Alvin Zipursky, director, division of hematology and oncology, at the Hospital for Sick Children, will talk on After Chernobyl - the Fear of Radiation Induced Disease, when he addresses Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood at a breakfast meeting, Sunday, Jan. 20.

Service is at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30. Everyone is welcome.

BAYVIEW GLEN CARNIVAL

Bayview Glen Day Camp, 275 Duncan Mill Rd. (Don Mills and York Mills), welcomes you to Carnival Day with a magic show, arts and crafts, clowns, prizes, refreshments, campfire and more, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20.

Admission is free. Bring your friends.

PERTINENCE OF THE MASHIACH

The second of a 3-part lecture series, From Swords into Plowshares, presented by Yavneh Olami of Toronto, which explores diverse aspects of the Mashiach as pertinent to today's Jew, continues 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20 at Tiferet Israel Congregation, 756 Sheppard Ave. W. Wanted: Messiah - A Maimonidean insight into the true nature of Jewish Messianic Aspirations, will be the topic for **Moshe Sherman**, assistant professor of Jewish History at York University.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and vocalist **Lilian Keltz**, offer an outstanding musical afternoon, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, when they perform a wide selection of music at the Hungarian New Horizon Club, 3565 Bathurst St. (across from Baycrest Centre).

Homemade refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome. Free to members. Non-members \$2.50.

FREE DIXIELAND JAZZ CONCERT

Listen, dance, to a Free Dixieland Jazz Concert with the **Harvey Seigel Band**, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in the Scarborough Civic Centre, Sunday, Jan. 20.

BETH EMETH BROTHERHOOD

Bernie Farber, director of research, Canadian Jewish Congress, zeroes in on Yesterday's Nazis, Today's Neo-Nazis, when he addresses Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 100 Elder St., on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Service is at 9.15, breakfast at 10.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

At the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting 9.30, Sunday, Jan. 20, author and lecturer **Sy Langer** will offer A Jewish Response to the Reunification of Germany. Everyone is welcome.

HUSSEIN'S WILL-TO POWER

Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., (Bathurst and Glencairn area) invites you to hear **Dr. Morton Manilla** speak on *Sadam Hussein's Will to Power: The Response of Europe and the United States*, 2.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

Since this program takes place five days after the UN deadline, Dr. Manilla's commentary will be especially pertinent.

Admission, including refreshments, is \$1.50 for members, \$2 non-members.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

The group welcomes you to a meeting, 1-4.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. (south of Dupont), to hear a guest speaker.

To inquire further, call 656-5408.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Ancient Mideast Jewish Culture will be the focus when **Lisa Golombek** addresses Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood at a breakfast meeting, Sunday, Jan. 20. Service is at 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

Monday, Jan. 21

SHAAR SHALOM LECTURE SERIES

Shaar Shalom's adult education series on Historical Personalities Come to Life, continues with **Rabbi Howard Marcose** speaking on Maimonides, Monday evening, Jan. 21. All lectures take place at 8 p.m. in the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, (one block north of Steeles and Don Mills). There is a nominal charge.

GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT

A Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple. The next meeting takes place on Monday, Jan. 21.

For more information call **Ruth**, 763-9111. (Parents and/or other family members are assured strictest confidentiality)

NATURAL HYGIENE

Join the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society for a lecture on Health Care and You: How to Build a Winning Team, with **Mark Percival**, doctor of naturopathy, 7.30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at 155 College St. Come early and browse.

General admission is \$6.50, members \$4.50, students \$3, seniors free. Call 781-0359 for additional information.

MONDAY MAGIC

Listen to absorbing speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers against going incredibly crazy) will resume regular Monday morning meetings on Jan. 21. Meetings are at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. from 9.30-11.30 a.m. Babysitting is available.

For information call **Sharon**, 783-7726.

UNDERSTANDING TORAH

Nishma, a societal endeavor in understanding Torah, presents a series on the Torah and Human Wisdom. At 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., Nishma founding director, **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht** will explore A New Model of Integration.

For further details, call 490-9669.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit Discussion Group, which meets at Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence Plaza, continues with its theme, Is the Jewish Woman's Status Inferior to That of the Jewish Man? On Monday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m., the discussion will centre on Erotic Love in Juda-



DEDICATION

At the dedication of Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave. (between HWY 7 and Major Mackenzie Dr.) in Richmond Hill, president **Karen Miller** accepts a special certificate of honor from **Herman Gottesman**, president, Ontario Region, United Synagogues of America. [Mollie Rothman photo]

ism. This is the second in the series, but each session is independent of the other. All are welcome.

Discussion leader is **Rabbi Reuben Slonim**. To inquire further, call 789-2876.

BETH TIKVAH ADULT ED

Beth Tikvah's Adult Education topic this semester centres on The Jew - What Price for Freedom? a historical and political exploration of the effects of emancipation on the Jews of the 19th and 20th centuries, with special emphasis on the European experience. At 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, **Prof. Arnold Ages** will consider France, Birthplace of Emancipation.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is at 3080 Bayview Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

POLISH TRIP

In preparation for the trip to Poland, Retrieving Our Grandparents, the Generation to Generation Holocaust Remembrance Committee is organizing a public information meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Please RSVP, 635-2883, and bring a friend.

HBT STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday morning women's lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 a.m. in the boardroom of Holy Blossom Temple. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. The Jan. 22 sessions with **Rabbi Michael Stroth**, will probe Morality and Politics: Critical Issues Facing Israel.

For information, call **Rhonda**, 663-3812.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

KABBALAH II

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's adult education series, Kaballah II, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, continues on Wednesday, Jan. 23 with Love, Sex and Marriage - the sanctity of joining two souls and how it effects the balance of the spiritual world.

The lecture begins 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420.

SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN THE '90S

Social Activism in the '90s, a lecture series sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs and the Adult Education Committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, continues on Wednesday, Jan. 23 with Lobby Groups: The Ins and Outs of Influencing Government Policy. Speakers will be **Susan Davis**, national executive director, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada and **Michael Schelew**, past president of Amnesty International.

Programs take place 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Admission is free and there will be no solicitation. For details, call 633-6224 or 633-3838.

Thursday, Jan. 24

THE ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, opens its four-part seminar series on The Roots and Realities of Anti-Semitism, moderated by **Selma Sage**, Thursday, Jan. 24, when **Dr. Mary Malone**, professor of Church History, University of Waterloo, offers

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KATES HONOR SON

The family and friends of **Bill and Cheryl Kates** and board members of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto gathered recently for the dedication of the **Randy Brian Kates Hall**. Cheryl and Bill Kates' decision to honor their son in this way will be well served as programs for the disabled, senior adults and dance students as well as community events take place in the Randy Brian Kates Hall.

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an assessment of The Christian Roots of Anti-Semitism.

All four in-depth lectures take place 8 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Total cost for the series is \$30 (seniors, \$25). Single admission, payable at the door, is \$10 (\$7.50 seniors). Refreshments will be available.

For more information and registration, call 633-5100.

BENAZIR BHUTTO TO SPEAK

Universal Speakers, a luncheon series for business executives, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W., features leading-edge speakers. On Thursday, Jan. 24 at 12.30 p.m., **Benazir Bhutto**, former prime minister of Pakistan, will explore Democracy and Turmoil: Pakistan and its Neighbors.

Call 926-7595 for more information or to reserve your corporate table.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

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For more information please phone 223-0630, 486-6608 or 787-2987.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Toronto Jewish Congress in partnership with North York Board of Education offers Yiddish classes at the following locations: Mondays, Intermediate Yiddish Conversation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, starting Jan. 14 for 10 weeks, 9.30-11.30 a.m. Cost \$25; Tuesdays, Beginners' Yiddish Conversation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, starting Jan. 15 for 10 weeks, 2-4 p.m. Cost \$25. Thursdays, Advanced Yiddish Conversation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, starting Jan. 17 for 10 weeks, 9.30-11.30 a.m. Cost \$25, also, Introduction to Yiddish at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, starting Jan. 17 for 10 weeks, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Cost \$25.

As well, on Wednesdays, Tallis Making and its History, at Faywood Art Centre starting Jan. 16 for 8 weeks, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Cost \$25 plus materials.

To inquire further call **Bonnie Kates**, 635-2883 ext. 155. (Students and seniors free).

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDEA TRIP

At 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Haifa Room, 788 Marlee Ave., Canadian Young Judea plans an information meeting for parents and participants regarding its upcoming delegation to Poland and Israel.

Directors of the program will be present to discuss itinerary, policies, costs and other relevant matters.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute is issuing a challenge to all you doubters who would like to learn Hebrew but feel it may be too difficult.

You are invited to join the 15-week course starting Jan. 22 at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. The promise is that you will speak, read and write Hebrew by the end of April.

The Jan. 22 ulpanim (Hebrew courses) also include intermediate and advanced classes.

Instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

BACK TO THE FIVE AND DIME

To mark its 40th anniversary, the Ontario March of Dimes, is highlighting its winter fundraising campaign with a very special event, **Back to the Five and Dime**. Slated for Feb. 1, it recreates the fun and excitement of the 50s, providing an evening of entertainment with Chubby Checker and the Wildcats staged in a movie studio decorated with television and movie sets from

the era. Guests will feel as if they are part of a film shoot, surrounded by scenes from *I Love Lucy* and *Streetcar Named Desire*.

For just \$51 per person, party goers can enjoy sparkling entertainment and diner fare in a unique 50s setting plus dancing to classic rock 'n' roll spun by a CHUM 1050 deejay.

A promotional double decker bus will park at high pedestrian traffic corners a few days prior to the event as volunteers dressed in 50s outfits distribute leaflets with ticket information and publicity about the March of Dimes organization. As well, tickets are available by phoning 737-DIME or from the office headquarters, 60 Overlea Blvd.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

The Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. telephone 694-7921, a small, friendly congregation of young singles and families, invites you to worship with its members every Shabbat at 9.30 a.m. Kiddush follows.

TOUR TO POLAND

Generation to Generation of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, under the chairmanship of Marilyn Freedman, is organizing a Tour To Poland Retrieving Our Grandparents, April 24-May 3, geared to children of survivors who want to explore their roots.

After arrival in Warsaw, the group travels by air-conditioned bus to Krakow, Lodz and other centres with Jewish memories, before returning to the capital. Included in the tour are visits to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka and Majdanek. Shabbat eve is welcomed at the Altschul, Poland's oldest remaining synagogue, and there will be a meeting with local residents of the Jewish community. Glimpses of a vanished Yiddish culture are on the itinerary throughout the trip. Back in Warsaw, Mila 18, headquarters of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be a focal point.

For more details call (416) 635-2883 ext. 144/153 or write to Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 519, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

A public information meeting takes place 8 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Please RSVP and bring a friend.

THE SANDWICH GENERATION

A group of students at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, is studying the "sandwich generation," which consists primarily of middle-aged parents who are squeezed between helping out their elderly parents in some form and still have a young adult child(ren) living at home. Individuals in the group plan to interview the "woman in the middle," in her home, to find out how she copes with being in the sandwich.

Results of the study will be made public in May. Volunteers who are willing to be interviewed, are asked to call **Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger**, 978-3264 (days) or 489-7573 (evenings).

SHABBAT SHIRA AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Cantor Joseph A. Levine, is Holy Blossom Temple's scholar-in-residence for a Shabbat Shira weekend, Jan. 25-27.

The series begins at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 when Cantor Levine explores the essence of a worship experience. For the Shabbat morning service, 10.30 a.m. he will present a sermon-insong: *Praying by the Rules*, an examination of contemporary worship in the light of tradition. At the Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 9.30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 27, he will conclude with *Only in America*, a series of song parodies relating the funniest incidents of his own career plus the foibles of other synagogue functionaries.

THE HOUSE OF STUDY

Ohr Somayach JEP Thornhill, invites you to join in a special, very warm House of Study program to begin Thursday, Jan. 24.

There are two options.

Option one begins at 8 p.m., continuing through 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday night, with various class studies for men only, for women only and for men and women. Option Two, the chavrusa learning program, also on Tuesdays and Thursdays, provides for ongoing individual tutoring in chosen subjects.

The studies are open to any level, from beginner to advanced. Call the Chavrusa Hot-line at 886-5730.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Are you a hoarder? Some people hoard happy memories, but many people can't. A lot of people look into that bottom drawer or cookie jar and take your pennies to your nearest "memory bank" - your closest Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, during the month of January. They'll help the Alzheimer Society help those who can no longer remember. Hoard your memories, yes. But give your pennies to the Alzheimer Society in January. It's money in the bank!

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many North York agencies need young adult volunteers to assist with an ailing and aging popu-

lation. You could help feed long term care seniors in hospitals or seniors residences, or train as part of a palliative care program or assist in the veterans' wing of a health centre. These needs are growing. Please help. Contact the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS APPLEBAUM

A black tie evening of presentation and performance, honoring composer **Louis Applebaum**, recipient of the Jewish Community Centre's Arts Person of the Year Award, is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

A fundraising benefit for the JCC's cultural schools of Music, Dance, Theatre and Visual Arts, the event includes a 7.30 p.m. champagne reception, performances by baritone **Louis Quillco**, pianists **Arthur Ozolins** and **Gene Dinovi** National Ballet of Canada dancers **Gizella Witkowski** and **Serge Lavoie** and choreographer **Robert Desrosiers**, as well as a soliloquy by **Goldie Semple** and a film montage highlighting Louis Applebaum's film career. A lavish dessert buffet follows.

Grande finale will be the award presentation.

Cost for the evening is \$125 per person. For more information, call **Barbara Lampcov**, 631-5665.

BETH SHOLOM WINTER PROGRAMS

Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., offers the following Adult Education winter programs: Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, Jan. 25 and 26, with **Noam Zion** of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem; Major Influences on Judaism, Part II, a lecture series by **Rabbi Louis I. Schechter**, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 6, 13 and 20, April 3 and 10; Winter Session classes, Prayer and Parsha, 10 weeks, 8 p.m. from Jan. 8; Prayer and Davening classes led by **Cantor David Bagley**, 10 weeks, 7.30 p.m. from Jan. 8; Yiddish for Beginners with **Jules Sokoloff**, eight sessions, 8-9.30 p.m., Mondays in January and March (none in February). Fee for Yiddish classes is \$20.

Students who have missed the opening class-

es will still be accepted. For additional details or to indicate your interest, call the synagogue, 783-6103.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, brother, sister, spouse or friend of someone who suffers from an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia, don't wait. Join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group. Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in Toronto City Hall, Queen and Bay.

On Jan. 16, **Dr. Fred Kroft** will discuss Various Treatments for Eating Disorders.

To inquire further, call **Antoinette Kemilev**, 766-4846.

JCC SINGERS

The JCC Singers were warmly received at a Chanukah luncheon and concert attended by over 250 seniors in the Jewish Community Centre, Northern Branch.

If you want to warm yourself during the cold winter days by performing for seniors in Homes and Hospitals, think about singing as a rewarding hobby. To join the JCC Singers, just come to rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. in room 221 at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St.

For information, and booking the choir, call president **Dolly Brown**, 636-9466.

SHAAREI BETH EL CONGREGATION

The Mums and Babes Group of Shaarei Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, meets each Tuesday morning. For information and location of the next meeting, call **Esther Harper**, 849-1370 or **Francine Savelson**, 847-1896. Join the group for coffee, make new friends and share experiences.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section, 4700 Bathurst St., invites you to play duplicate bridge every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

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GIFT WRAPPING

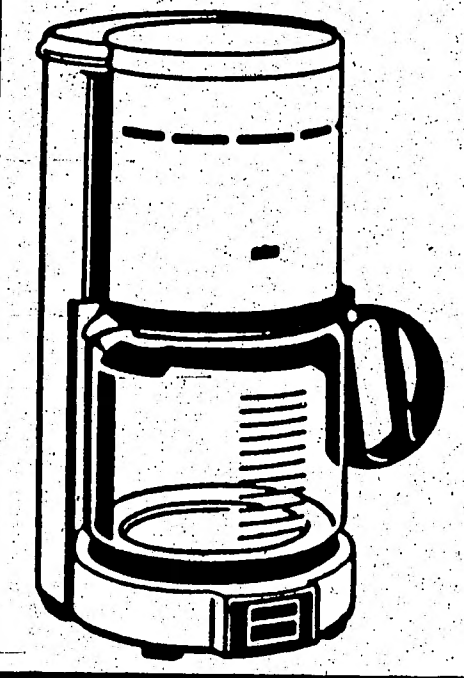
Toronto Women's Ort has greatly increased its holiday gift wrapping program. This year's coordinator, **Sally Waldman**, reported considerable success as volunteers wrapped Chanukah and Christmas gifts at Hillcrest Mall, Towne and Country Square and Lawrence Square. Shown here gift wrapping at Hillcrest Mall are (from left) Ete Erez, Richmond Hill Mayor William Bell, Kati Harari and Raya Varenbut.

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Admission is \$4.50 per evening or \$4 per evening with a \$10 membership.
For more details call 633-5100.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tzedec Men's Club, 1700 Bathurst St., presents a 2-part program on Sunday, Jan. 20 and 27, featuring **Al Lazerte**, executive director, Canadian Friends of International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, on the subject, *We Too, Say Never Again*.

Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m. with a \$2 nominal charge. The program begins at 10 a.m. and there is no admission fee. Everyone is welcome.

FREE TORAH HIGH FOR TEENS

Kehillat Shaarei Torah and NCSY present the newest location for weekly classes in Jewish topics for high school students. Jewish Philosophy, Conversational Hebrew and other classes of interest to teens are offered on Wednesdays from 4.30-6.30 p.m., beginning Jan. 23 at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. (south of Sheppard).

Call **Rabbi Steven Cohen**, 229-2600, to register.

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Israel Cancer Research Fund, Young Associates, presents *The Magic of Aaron Sidenberg*, Sunday, Jan. 27 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Show times are 1.30 and 3 p.m. Children, parents and grandchildren are all welcome.

For tickets, \$5 per person, call 787-0139.

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT

Reduce stress and tension. Relieve back, shoulder and neck problems. Improve posture, breathing and coordination. Try the Israeli developed Feldenkrais approach which gently re-educates the involuntary system.

Classes are at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard) on Monday evenings. Call 881-1445 to register.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple is starting a new HIV support group for men and women who are HIV infected and also for those close to them.

The next meeting is 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 519 Church St.

For more information, call in confidence to **Sandy Wise**, 323-3952.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

An innovative course designed specifically for the business professional is offered by the Leah Posluns Theatre School. Enhance your communication and presentation skills and boost your self-confidence using acting techniques. The instructor is **Shawn Zevit**.

The eight weekly winter sessions begin in February and are held 7-10 p.m. Monday evenings at 4588 Bathurst St. Interview appointments are being booked on Monday, Jan. 21. For information or to make an appointment, call **Linda**, 636-2720.

HELP BLOORVIEW CHILDREN

Infants who are physically disabled require stimulation through play therapy and cuddling during the day at Bloorview Children's Hospital. There are also opportunities to assist in the pool, days and evenings, or do arts and crafts with multiple disabled children. Orientation be-

gins with a tour of the facility. Please contact **North York Volunteer Centre**, 481-6194.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM WEEKEND

It's a Visiting Scholar Weekend at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., with **Prof. Zev Lev**, founder of the Jerusalem College of Technology.

Friday, evening, Jan. 18 there will be a Shabbat Dinner and talk, Microwave and Halacha. Cost is \$17 for adults, \$9 children (12 years and under).

Saturday, Jan. 19 at 3.30 p.m., a pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur examines Hidden Meanings in the Torah. As well a public lecture, Equality Before Jewish Law: Theory and Practice is offered at 8 p.m.

STOP SMOKING WORKSHOP

Selfhelp Clearing House is sponsoring a 3-part workshop series planned to help women understand why they smoke and how to successfully quit.

Do you find yourself reaching for a cigarette during times of stress? Are you thinking about starting to stop smoking? If you would like to better understand why you smoke, come and explore these issues with other women. Hear experts respond to your health care concerns and discover how ongoing support through self-help can work.

The series is 6.30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at the Selfhelp Clearinghouse, 40 Orchard View Blvd. 2nd floor.

Cost is \$5 per session.

For more information on how to pre-register, call **Yonina**, 487-4355.

MINIATURE PAINTINGS

An exhibition of 36 miniature paintings by **Harriet Liebmann** opens at the Leah Posluns Theatre Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. on Jan. 18 and continues until Feb. 10.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Blood Donor Clinics operate on a regular ba-



CONTRIBUTION

Adelle and Ben Socken of Toronto have made a substantial contribution to Yeshivat Hadarom Gan Yavneh Youth Village (Yeshivat Achuzat Yaco) in Israel, to honor the memory of Mrs. Socken's sister **Mini Hershey** and her husband, **Elias Hershey**. The donation finances a recently dedicated complete **Robotic Sciences Laboratory** which, according to **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, the institution's representative in Toronto, will greatly enhance Israel's competitive stance in the world of technology and computer science.

sis at the Manulife Centre, 55 Bloor St. W. (phone 924-5955), 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and at the Downtown Blood Donor Clinic, Royal Bank Plaza, Merchant's Mall Level, 200 Bay St. (861-0145) 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Friday.

On Monday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., there will be a clinic at York University, 4700 Keele St.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

A program of new music featuring a recent work by **Ben Steinberg** entitled *Prayer for Jerusalem* is to be presented at Temple Sinai's Shabbat Shirah service-concert, Friday, Jan. 25. Also on the program, is the premiere performance of a winning piece from the Guild of Temple Musicians, Young Composer's Award competition.

The Service is at 8.15 p.m.

JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE

Jewish Information Service, an affiliate of Toronto Jewish Congress, will be at the Promenade Mall to tell you about the Jewish Community.

Drop by the community kiosk (lower level) from Friday, Jan. 18 to mid-day Friday, Jan. 25. A volunteer will be glad to assist you. Descriptive brochures will be available to take home. Let JIF help you connect! Call 635-5600.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit**, 924-6211, ext. 36.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club provides an ongoing program in conjunction with the North York Board of Education, *The World Before Your Eyes* via Armchair Travel, every two weeks starting 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21. The Joy of Music with **Ella Krylov** is every other Monday at 1 p.m. Next gathering is Jan. 28. Travelogues and bridge will be starting soon. An outing is scheduled for May 14, to see the ballet *Sleeping Beauty*, at the O'Keefe Centre. Call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923 for information about the two-week trip to Switzerland in May, staying at kosher hotels. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Blumenfeld**, 787-1526.

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group meets at noon on alternate Wednesdays at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome. On Jan. 30, **Iris Vanek**, an international vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will discuss the work being carried on through Outreach. Her topic is, *Will Our Grandchildren be Jewish?*

Call **Tara**, 789-3291 for information and for details on transportation, if needed.

On Feb. 13, the speaker will be **Cheryl Shulman**, discussing *New Trends in Genetics*, and Genetic Counselling, with special emphasis on grandparents.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin**, 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein**, 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

B'nai Brith Building residents, 4266 Bathurst St., had a very successful New Year's Eve party arranged by **Katy Kideckel** and her volunteers.

Come to Florida with the **Young at Heart Seniors** for about five weeks (choice of two hotels). The reasonable price includes hotel and tax, airfare and tax, kosher cocktail party and banquet, deluxe medical insurance, cancellation with medical only, shopping and flea market trips, entertainment and much more. The cost is \$1650 (any change in price of airfare will be added) double occupancy (partners available). For information, call **Manny**, 633-7463, after 7 p.m. or **Helen**, 635-6343.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 20, from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Jan. 23, there will be a social gathering with readings from Hebrew literature.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club holds a dance every Saturday evening, 7.30-10.30 in the club-

house. No charge for members, \$1 for non-members. A dance with a live band is set for Sunday, Jan. 20, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Charge is \$3 members, \$4 non-members. A movie will be screened on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse. This is free for members, \$1 non-members. Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing, and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodcrafts. For information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., 60 and Holding, is an ongoing, professionally led 8-week nutrition counselling and weight reduction program geared to men and women, 55 and over. Weekly sessions are held during the day and medical authorization is required for participation. The program includes lectures, weighing, cooking advice, optional fitness testing and body measurement. This is non-profit and the cost is kept low, \$30 for Wagman Centre members, \$40 non-members. For information on registration, dates and times, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. On Sunday, Jan. 20 from 1.30-3 p.m., The movie, *Radio Days*, will be screened in the Assembly Room. An evening program with **Lena Lichtenberg**, takes place 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22. The Wellness Education Group presents *Touch and Intimacy in Later Life*, with **Rheta Rosen**, professor of Family Studies at Ryerson, 1.30-2.30 p.m. in the Assembly room, Wed. Jan. 23. To ensure seating, please register by Jan. 22. Free to members, \$2 at the door for guests.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyat Wellness Centre's support group, *Be Good to Your Heart*, with public health nurse **Sandy McMillan**, will provide information and support to help you reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Each week a specialist will guide you to a healthy lifestyle. The program is on Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

On Thursday, Jan. 24 at 1.30 p.m., the Wellness health lecture series presents *Touch for Good Health*, with psychotherapist **Thelma Feldman**. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Etrog, the Israel cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Call **Helen Issenberg**, 225-2112, for further information.

The **Friendship Circle** for people 55 and over and single, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is \$1 and refreshments are served. Enjoy a singalong with **Yitzhak Argaman**, on Jan. 17.

An exciting new program to include various formats, lectures, day trips and long tours for the very mobile, energetic senior, is being initiated. Any senior 55 plus is invited to inquire about this active program. People interested in sitting on the planning committee or attending all future events, must be members of the Centre. The first meeting of the planning committee is slated for 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22. For more details, call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

The next Sunday movie is *The Jazz Singer*, 2.30 p.m., Jan. 20.

Eva Shupak and **Michael Khinkis**, entertain at the afternoon social, 1.30 Wednesday, Jan. 23.

And, another special event - Register at the social desk for dinner at Meyers Deli and the Shirley talk show, departing from the Centre at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31.

at the JCC

Registration is being accepted for *Just for Kids* at the JCC. Programs are offered through Fitness and Recreation, Aquatics, Community and Family Services departments, Koffler School of Music, Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art and the Leah Posluns Theatre School. For registration information, call **Karen** or **Elaine**, 636-1880.

In preparation for *Rikudiyah Dance Festival for Children*, Israeli Folk Dancing is being held on Sunday afternoons. Call **Elaine Botnick Mann** at 636-1880.

The JCC Original Singles 50 Plus is back at the North Y Branch with a variety of fun-filled programs scheduled for the new year. Look for the dances. To inquire further, call **Elaine**, 636-1880.

The JCC North Y Branch is running a *March Break* program for ages 4-12 years and 2 and 3 year olds. Call **Karen** or **Elaine**.

Beginners' Hebrew classes are available Tuesday evenings. Register now. For information, call **Elaine**.

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SPECIAL GIFT

For the past 22 years, Wilson Heights Lodge of B'nai Brith has given a special gift to residents of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care - free long distance calls to family and friends anywhere in the world. This year more than 50 residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged were able to speak to their dear ones in faraway places. Here, **Geza Deutsch** talks to his son who lives in Israel.

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A unique opportunity for intellectual development is offered with the North Y Branch course on Jewish Nobel Laureates, Tuesday mornings. To inquire, call Elaine.

Men's floor hockey is being held at the JCC Bloor Y branch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per 10-week session for JCC members. Come down for some fun and exercise! Call **Lindsay Henderson**, 924-6211 for details.

The North/East Valley branch is featuring Get Fit classes, Tuesday, Jan. 15 to March 19 or Friday, Jan. 18 to March 22 from 9.20-10.20 a.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. After classes there are bagels, muffins and coffee. Cost is \$45 for once a week, \$85 twice a week. For pre-registration and information, call **Luni**, 889-0813.

The North/East Valley branch offers duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7.30-11 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Cost is \$3 per session. To inquire further, call **Luni**, 889-0813.

The N/E Valley branch is initiating a new group called Twentysomething (ages 24-35). If you are interested in getting involved, call **Luni**, 889-0813.

The N/E Valley Branch is offering a 6-week workshop geared to separated, divorced or widowed individuals, entitled Towards a New Beginning, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, from 8-9.30 p.m. Register in advance by calling **Luni**, 889-0813.

The JCC N/E Valley branch Singles Network invites you to a dance, 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Cost is \$8 with deejay and refreshments. There will be a cash bar. Singles Network is looking for volunteers to help in planning programs. If interested, call **Luni**, 889-0813.

The N/E Valley branch in conjunction with the young Russian Jewish adult education committee, is planning a Beat-Those-Blues Dance, 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at 7015 Leslie St. Cost \$5, includes deejay, refreshments, concert by Baroque Jazz. Call **Luni**, 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24 hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

About People

MEDINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Medina Theatre Ensemble's board of directors for the 1990-91 season includes **Irv Hoffman**, past president; **Fran Biderman** and **Roselle Stone**, co-presidents; **Phyllis Mostyn**, treasurer; **Phyllis Disenhouse**, recording secretary; **Carol Libman**, corresponding secretary and public relations; **Corinne Copnick**, **Ruth Flicht**, **Morris Nusyna**, **Esther Rine** and **Dorothy Rosner**, members-at-large.



Rosalie Abella



Mordecai Richler

ABELLA AND RICHLER HONORED

Among the twelve outstanding Canadians "who made a difference," and who have been named to its 1990-91 honor roll by Maclean's newsmagazine, are Toronto lawyer **Rosalie Abella** and Montreal writer **Mordecai Richler**.

Abella, 44, born in Stuttgart, Germany to Holocaust survivors, has always wanted "to right the wrongs of society," and sees the law as a tool for social change. Starting with a practice in litigation, she moved to family court judge at the age of 30, work in labor relations and a groundbreaking federal commission on equality in employment. Currently chairperson of the Ontario Law Reform Commission, which has recommended stringent new environmental regulations viewed favorably by the provincial government, she champions justice for the underdog and notes, "I would like to see this country open to the contributions that every person can make."

She has written four books and numerous articles.

Abella is married to York University history professor **Irving Abella**, and they have two teenage sons.

Mordecai Richler's book, *Solomon Gursky was Here*, a tale about a family of bootleggers who became legitimate businessmen, has won the 1990 Commonwealth writer's prize for best fiction of the year and the 1990 QSPL Prize from the Quebec Society for the Promotion of English Language Literature in Quebec.

Richler, 59, is the author of nine novels including *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* plus a host of essays, opinions and reviews. Though he lived for 20 years outside Canada and his books have a universal appeal, he draws on his Montreal fabric for a gutsy base.

Returning from abroad in 1972, **Richler** and his wife **Florence**, who raised five children in London, now divide their time between a Montreal apartment and an old house in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

The writer's newest assignment is a challenging article for *The New Yorker* magazine about Quebec, and its possible place in Canada. **Richler**, who says he cannot really understand "why people here seem to feel oppressed," describes the situation as "a wasting tribal quarrel that diminishes everybody."

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY HILLEL

Named to the Queen's University Hillel executive committee for 1990-91 are **Jason Baker**, president; **Elisa Udaskin** and **Tammy Fuden**, vice presidents; **Heather Antecol**, treasurer; **Rachel Naiman**, secretary; **Robert Tanner**, communications; **Michael Berger**, social action; **Terri Boidman**, chair in Jewish Studies rep; **Cary Kogan**, first year rep; **Shulamit Kuttner**, Jewish community liaison.

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Organizations and People

Little negative impact found

Poll finds wide public support for Sunday shopping

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Sunday shopping in Ontario is overwhelmingly popular and has not had a negative impact on family life, a new poll conducted by the province's big four grocery chains shows.

Among those surveyed, 90 per cent of people in Metro Toronto who are

married or have children say they are not spending any less time with their families than before Ontario's Sunday shopping law was ruled unconstitutional last June, the poll results indicate.

The Committee for Fair Shopping, consisting of The Oshawa Group, which owns Food City; Miracle Food Mart; A&P and Dominion, and Loblaws,

said last week that its poll, conducted last month, found 76 per cent of respondents saying stores should be open on Sunday if they want.

As well, the poll found that 83 per cent of respondents said Sunday shopping has not had a negative impact on their family life, and that 71 per cent of those polled said they or their spouse had shopped on a Sunday in the previous two months.

The poll also found that: • 80 per cent of those who say they like being able to shop on a Sunday have a religion other than Roman Catholic or Protestant, while 70 per cent said Sun-

Most single parents enjoy having option

day shopping has not had a negative affect on organized religion in their community.

• 72 per cent of women working fulltime outside the home have shopped on Sunday.

• 65 per cent of all respondents and 83 per cent of single parents say they like being able to shop on Sundays.

• 66 per cent said they particularly like being able to

shop for groceries on Sundays.

• 89 per cent said that people should have the option to work or not work on Sundays.

The poll's results are considered accurate to within 4.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

"The whole issue is a matter of freedom of choice," said committee spokesman Jonathan Wolfe, president of The

Oshawa Group. "We're not surprised by the strength of support for Sunday shopping."

Wolfe said the survey's findings challenge the notion of Sunday as a common pause day.

Premier Bob Rae has promised new Sunday shopping legislation that would ensure a common pause day, pending the outcome of an appeal of last summer's court ruling.

Having a pause day — not necessarily a common one — is something the Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress supports.

"We're not opposed to Sunday shopping, but

we're looking for a day of pause," CJC community relations committee chairman David Satok told The CJN.

"We feel Orthodox Jewish shoppers and storekeepers should be allowed to shop and keep stores open on Sundays if they're closed on Saturdays."

In arguments before the Ontario Supreme Court last summer, three prominent Toronto rabbis said the province's closing laws reduced Jews to second-class citizens for preventing them from shopping or keeping business hours on Sundays because both activities are prohibited on Shabbat.

Women's Brandeis Lodge to close its doors in 1992

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Ladies Auxiliary Brandeis Lodge is ending 50 years in operation in 1992.

In anticipation of its dissolution, the members have turned over the remaining funds in trust to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to ensure continuous support for its three kindergartens in Israel. The interest earned on the capital will also be used to help resettle Soviet olim.

As well, the Zionist group entrusted its archives and prized Hart Green Junior Trophy to the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada at that organization's annual meeting on December 13.

The Brandeis Lodge Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1942 by seven women whose husbands, members of the Brandeis Lodge formed in 1938, were off to war.

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The trophy was awarded each year to the group member who had contributed the most to Zionism that year. The award was discontinued after Hart Green died in 1976.

The organization raised over \$100,000 during its existence both for Israel and local Jewish causes. In her written words to the Jewish Historical Society meeting, read by Evelyn Kraitberg, another past president, in her absence, Silver said: "Our aim was to learn more about Zionism."

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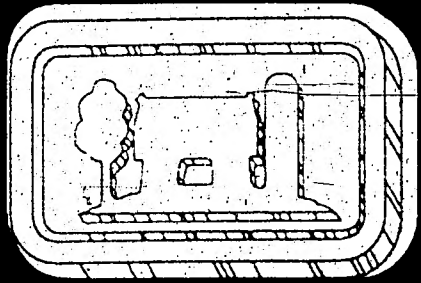
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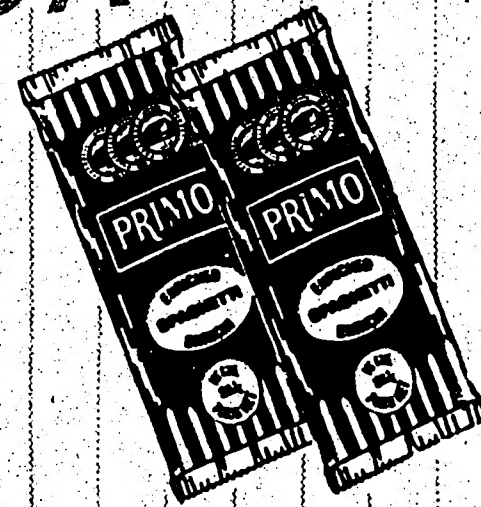
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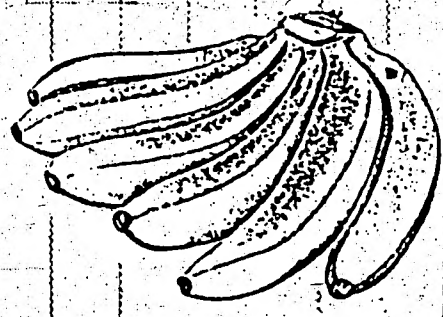
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Organizations and People

Run by real menchen

New service group off to start in Ottawa

By
RANDY FISHER
OTTAWA —

There's a new kid on the block in the charity/service game and to be perfectly honest, it's run by menchen.

MENCH, or Men for Charity, is the brainchild of co-vice president Joel Diener, 31, of Saslove's

Meat Market (Ottawa) Ltd. who, along with a nucleus of 14 others wanted a community service organization, that kept all of the money it raised within the local community, and also had the latitude to pursue its own agenda; whether it be for helping battered women, Soviet Jews or the elderly.

Loosely modeled on the defunct Ottawa (high school) international Jewish fraternity ULPS (Upsilon Lambda Psi), MENCH humbly began in a living room and now boasts 35 members.

"There was a whole generation of not doing anything for anyone and not getting involved," said Diener.

"It's time to give something back to the community," said MENCH treasurer Mark Kerzner, 29, an office manager for a family-owned construction company S.K. Sheet Metal Ltd.

While MENCH suffers somewhat from a lack of institutional exposure, this hasn't seemed to affect interest in the group. It relies on informal networking and word of mouth, since there's no formal drive for recruitment.

"We're trying to make our name known to Hillel Lodge (for the elderly) and Jewish Social Services Agency so we can put together some activities," said Kerzner.

But it's going to be slow

going for the first couple of years. When MENCH wanted to help new immigrants it ran into a few bureaucratic snags and the clothes it collected for Soviet Jews are still sitting in a warehouse.

Plans to run a bingo for Tamir Foundation also ran into a political roadblock at Vanier city hall.

In the meantime, efforts will be focused on Hillel Lodge, internal fund raising and unusual events, such as a planned hockey trip to Montreal to see Les Canadiens in action.

"We really see them as working at cross-purposes," said Phil Rimer, president of B'nai Brith's 300-member Ottawa Parliament Lodge. "I'm disappointed. It would have been nice to have seen them come in and work under the existing machinery," he said.

"We're asking: why reinvent the wheel?"

"B'nai Brith is just too structured. There are too many rules and regulations to follow," said Diener. "We want to be independent."

"If we were a part of B'nai Brith, we wouldn't have the impact (on the community) that we would necessarily want," Diener added.

"They're independently deciding that they don't want to be part of the established structure. That's their right," said Ian Kagedan, director of government relations, B'nai Brith Canada.

"A lot of the money that B'nai Brith collects goes to national headquarters (in Toronto)," said Kerzner.

While Rimer, a banking and commercial real estate lawyer, said that he was only able to guarantee that 10 per cent of the monies collected would remain here, he was sure that the lodge is considered a "net giver."

Despite its growing pains, MENCH plans to up the ante in its involvement with Jewish senior citizens.

"I think Hillel Lodge is a big part of what we want to do," said Diener. He sees the elderly as a valuable resource in the community and MENCH as a potential bridge.

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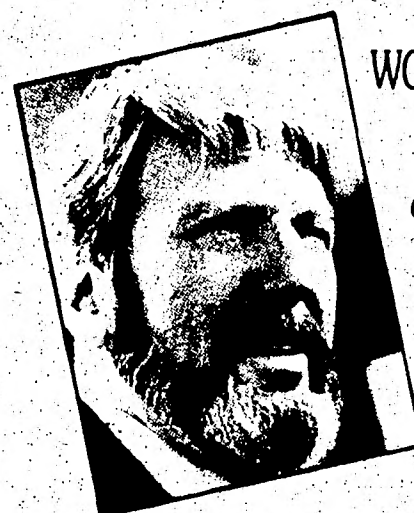
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Friends group started for Netanya hospital

TORONTO —

The Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital recently held its inaugural event dedicated to the memory of Dr. Joseph Weil, a Toronto physician who served as the Netanya hospital's first medical director.

Laniado Hospital is the dream of the Klausenberger Rebbe, Rabbi Yehuda Yekutiel Halberstam, who vowed that if he survived the Holocaust, he would dedicate his life to establishing a hospital on the principles of Torah and chesed.

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One of the greatest challenges currently facing the hospital is the need to grow to accommodate the burgeoning population it serves. Facilities are tight; some beds are in the halls. The new addition to the hospital is only half-built — stopped due to lack of funds.

Laniado is proud to be at the forefront of activities in the Netanya community to help absorb new Soviet immigrants. These activities range from performing ritual circumcision (*brit mila*) on Soviet men and boys who were denied this vital expression of their Judaism, to the retraining of academics in the hospital's nursing school.

Laniado has established "friends" organizations

around the world, but it is only now that a Toronto group has been organized to work on behalf of the hospital.

The first activities of Toronto Friends are aimed at raising funds for the dedication of the Joseph Weil Paramedical Wing, part of the hospital expansion currently underway.

The First Annual Joseph Weil Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Mordechai Schreiber, Laniado's chief of pediatrics, and the personal physician to Rabbi Halberstam.

Charlie Diamond, president of Toronto Jewish Congress greeted the audience and urged everyone to visit Israel and the hospital. "Diamond" had just returned a few days earlier from a UJA mission to Israel which included a visit to the hospital and to its Tessler School of Nursing where academic Soviet immigrants are being retrained as nurses. The first class of Soviet nurses is expected to graduate in July, 1993.

Dr. Saul R. Kaplan, a senior member of the Etobicoke Medical Centre, delivered a testimonial in memory of Weil, his friend and colleague. Dr. Allan Seidenfeld, chairman of Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital, spoke of the organization's goals to foster a close relationship between Toronto's medical community, the community at large, and the hospital. The funds raised by Toronto Friends will support crucial projects such as the proposed Weil Paramedical Wing. Chaim Fachler, Laniado director of public relations, showed a video presentation of the hospital.

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Canadian students take championship

Israelis go head to head in world debating meet

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Anyone who's been to Israel is likely to think that debating is the national pastime.

But the kind of debating that goes on in Israel is more of the blustery, hand-waving variety, the sort of salty exchange that may take place between a cab driver and hapless pedestrian, or between rival Knesset members in their shirtsleeves.

Curiously for a land of 4.8 million prime ministers, the tradition of true debate, the formal parry-and-thrust wit and repartee reminiscent of Gladstone versus Disraeli, is not nearly on the same level as, say, in England or the United States.

One may now add Canada to that august company. Last week, two Canadian

debaters from McGill University in Montreal talked and walked away with the World Debating Championship, held at the University of Toronto.

From a field of 138 teams—representing 99 schools and 15 countries, Chris Wayland and Mona Gupta, both 21, captured the world title in a contest that was billed “the Olympics for the Mind” and the “World Series of Wit.”

The four teams from Israel fared slightly poorer, but they were the only debaters entered whose language of study is not English.

Overall, Haifa University's graduate students placed 110th and its undergrads 129th; the team from the Technion ended in 118th position; Hebrew University was in 128th spot and the team from Tel Aviv University went home 132nd.



Tel Aviv University student Erez Miller, one of 10 Israeli students who took part in the World Debating championship in Toronto, makes a point.

The 10 Israeli students who took part in the contest, all of whom debated in a language not their mother tongue, honed their rhetorical skills against heavyweight teams like Oxford, Cambridge and last year's winner, Yale.

The young participants, who included two Soviet olim and one German immigrant, report that the lost art of debating is virtually absent at Israeli universities.

The four-year-old Israel Debating Society helps sponsor debating leagues for primary, junior high and high schools, but colleges and universities are left to set up clubs by themselves.

“There are clubs at the four universities (represented in the championship) but it's still quite new,” Michael Segal, a 25-year-old graduate student in urban planning at the Technion, told The

CJN. “And when we do debate, it's in Hebrew. It's very hard for us to stand up and debate in English.”

Last week at the Lipa Green Building, the 10 Israelis hosted a spirited lunch-hour debate on whether Disapora Jewry has the right to criticize Israel. Verdict: it doesn't as a community, but individual Jews may.

Teams assigned roles

In the actual competition, the two-person teams, each representing one university, received their resolutions 30 minutes before the debate, and were assigned government or opposition roles (pro or con).

The debates were conducted according to Cana-

dian parliamentary rules, and the Israelis tackled such subjects as “Kuwait should be retaken by force” and “Environmentalism will go the way of the hula hoop.”

Debates were scored on a scale of 25, with the highest score rated as “sublime” and the lowest as “unconscious.”

Winners were chosen not necessarily on the basis of the content of their arguments, but on their ability to make them persuasive, witty and clear.

Heckling was encouraged, provided remarks were kept short, witty and to the point.

The Israelis were partially sponsored by Bank Hapoalim and the Foreign Affairs ministry.

“We hope our presence countered the image of the brutish Israeli North Americans see on TV,” said Tel Aviv University student Erez Miller.

Baycrest program assists seniors with vision problems

TORONTO —

Imagine trying to pour yourself a hot cup of tea when you can't see clearly enough to tell that the cup is full. Or think about trying to bake a cake when you can't read the recipe or locate the oven-dial on your stove.

This is the kind of frustration faced by many seniors with minimal vision who have some eyesight but find coping with certain everyday activities difficult.

A new program launched by the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre — a multi-service community centre which is part of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care — is aimed at helping these seniors.

The six-week program, being run in conjunction with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, will involve about 35 seniors who are either residents of Baycrest's apartment facility, the Terrace, or members of the Wagman Centre.

“The aim of this program is to help people with minimal vision adjust to their situation by offering them practical advice and introducing them to certain devices which will make life easier for them,” says Gitit Gilran, supervisor of social, cultural and educational programs at the Wagman Centre.

Illana Perlman, a social worker who works with elderly residents at the Ter-

race, says many services already exist for people with severe visual impairment. But, she adds, relatively little has been offered to those with minimal vision.

“Many of them think they just have to live with their condition or give up many of the things they enjoy such as reading, preparing meals or sewing,” she says.

Carol Kalachnik, a counsellor with the CNIB who is working on the pilot program, says many devices exist to help seniors with minimal vision in managing their home and personal care.

“We will be showing them things like talking clocks, watches with flip-up faces which allow you to touch the time, liquid level indicators which hang inside a cup or glass and beep when the liquid reaches the top, large print recipe books, self-threading needles.”

The main cause of minimal vision in the elderly is a condition called macular degeneration which results in a gradual loss of central vision. Other conditions which cause visual deterioration are cataracts, glaucoma, and disorders of the retina.

Gilran says that if the six-week program is successful, the Wagman Centre may plan to establish a support group for elderly people with minimal vision and develop social and cultural programs to meet their specific needs.



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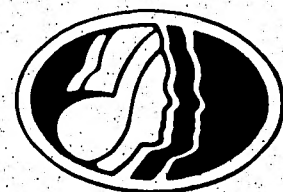


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Organizations and People

New museum established in New Brunswick city

Saint John author probes community's Jewish past

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

Marcia Koven travelled right across the country from Saint John, N.B., to tell members of the Victoria Jewish community the sad story of her community — which at one time had close to 300 Jewish families but the count is now down to about 50 families.

"I'm bringing the east coast to the west coast to talk about a diminishing community to your small but vibrant Jewish community which now seems to be coming into its own," she said.

Koven spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Today's Woman Chapter of Hadassah at the Victoria Jewish Community Centre. She was introduced by her daughter Sherry Sheffman who with her husband Robbie, formerly of Toronto, reside here. Robbie is a student at the University of Victoria law school.

Despite the decline of the Saint John community, which was founded in 1858 by Solomon and Alice Hart, members of the "golden years" from the 1920s to 1960s will live on, thanks to the establishment, in 1986, of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, which occupies two floors in the Jewish Community Centre.

Koven is the volunteer curator and founder of the museum, which plays host to thousands of visitors every year, who can enjoy exhibits in eight display areas, including an art gallery, Hebrew school

classrooms and chapel. Recently, an archives and research library were added for the benefit of researchers and scholars.

Former residents of Saint John are now dispersed all over the world but over 550 of them turned up for a "koom ahaim" (homecoming) in 1984. One of the results of that occasion was the formation of the Saint John Jewish Historical Society, which decided to create the museum "to preserve our heritage and to share it with the larger community."

After only a year of operation, the museum won an international award from the Association for State and Local History — one of three awards given in Canada that year. The award was an honor for preserving the community's heritage. It is the only Jewish museum in the Atlantic region.

The community at one time had two Orthodox synagogues, the first being the Ahavith Achim, whose congregation was made up mainly of Jews who had come to the city from England. The European Jews, who came with the second wave of immigrants, mainly from Lithuania, organized a second "shul" synagogue next door, the Hazen Avenue Congregation. Ultimately, the two congregations amalgamated to form the present Shaarei Zedek, which eventually became a Conservative synagogue.

The first synagogue was consecrated on Jan. 11, 1899. The ceremony was opened, according to a

newspaper report, by "Master S. Hart Green," a grandson of the first settlers of the city. Hart Green (the son of Nathan Green, and Lizzie Hart, daughter of the founders) later was the first Jewish lawyer to graduate in Saint John and was admitted to the bar on his 21st birthday.

His parents were the first Jewish couple to be married in Saint John, with the wedding getting extensive coverage in the local newspaper, The Globe.

The last Jewish wedding in Saint John was in 1986 when Koven's daughter, Sherry, married Robbie Sheffman.

Filmmaker Louis B. Mayer, of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer fame, grew up in Saint John, leaving for Hollywood when he was a teenager. He and his cousin Nathan Cummings, of Montreal, presented the chapel at Shaarei Zedek Cemetery to the congregation in memory of their mothers, who are buried there.

Most immigrants to Canada passed through Saint John on their way to other centres. But some had to stay because of illness, or died on Partridge Island, an immigration quarantine station. The community erected a marker as a memorial to the Jewish immigrants who died.

Mrs. Koven, who recalls the history of Saint John's Jews in a book, Weaving the Past Into the Present, mentions that when the Jewish Legion was formed in the United States in 1917 (after the Balfour Declaration), the recruits came to Aldershot Camp in Windsor, N.S., to train before going to Palestine, and on weekends came to Saint John to visit Jewish homes. Among the recruits were two men who were known later as David Ben Gurion, and Yitzhak Ben Zvi — the second president of Israel.

JIAS had its beginnings in Saint John, as did Young Judaea. Hadassah organized a chapter in Saint John

in 1916 and is still functioning there. Lodge 1963 of B'nai Brith was launched in the 1950s, with the lieutenant-governor, Lawrence MacLaren, in attendance.

Koven said the community may be diminishing but "through the efforts of

a few caring people, it is still functioning more than adequately, with religious services conducted by lay people (there has been no rabbi since 1983), regular teaching for the children, a mikvah and there are numerous fund-raising events for Jewish causes."

The membership fee in the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum is \$10. If you want to join, write to the museum at 29 Wellington Row, Saint John, N.B., E2L 3H4. Koven's book sells for \$12.95 and can be ordered through the museum.

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Organizations and People

Farber to head North York race relations body

By
PAUL LÜNGEN

TORONTO —

The North York committee for community, race and ethnic relations has elected Bernie Farber as chairman.

Farber, one of four citizen representatives on the 30-person committee, comes to the job with 6½ years experience as director of research for Canadian Jewish Congress. It was at Congress that Farber cut his teeth in responding to manifestations of racism while working in conjunc-

tion with ethnic and minority groups.

"It's come in handy," Farber said of his community relations work with Congress, which will continue during his two-year voluntary stint as committee chairman.

"My work with Congress is certainly complementary to the work I'm doing here."

In an interview with The CJN, Farber said he was hoping to open the committee to greater community participation, initially by making its monthly meetings more accessible.

Instead of convening only at 9.30 a.m. on one Thursday every month, the committee's meetings will be held on evenings in various North York community centres, with the public invited to attend.

"We'd like to hear from community groups," Farber said, as well as from younger residents of the municipality.

Farber said he would like to implement aspects of a strategic plan that called for greater citizen representation, especially opening the doors to visible and ethnic minorities and young

people.

There is also room for these people on three sub-committees — recreation/leisure, education and employment — he added.

"We must be seen to be open to all segments of society," he said.

As things stand now, of the 30 main committee spots, 26 are held by representatives of various institutions, such as labor groups, libraries, hospitals, housing authorities and education officials.

These institutional members are important, Farber said, since they are in a position to implement its recommendations.

Farber, who has been involved with the committee since 1985 and has served as vice-chairman, said one of the major problems the committee is facing is "an increase in racial incidents in the community."

That doesn't necessarily mean there is greater racism in North York than before, he continued, but the committee has to work with its counterparts in other municipalities and ethnic groups to resolve the problems and reduce tension.

"There's a lot of concern in North York about citizens and the police," he

added. One of his goals is to develop forums where police and citizens meet to discuss issues that lead to friction.

In 1989, the committee's storefront office at 5330 Yonge St., intervened in 299 cases involving racial or discrimination incidents, said Barry Thomas, the committee's executive director.

Statistics for 1990, though incomplete, show that to June 16, there was a 40 per cent jump in the number of cases it dealt with.

The committee often advises city councillors, the mayor and various institutions on particular issues, Thomas said. On one occasion, it devised a set of school policy guidelines after a teacher had invited a member of the Ku Klux Klan to speak to a class.



Bernie Farber

Library seeks new funding after break with federation

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Reasoning a good get (divorce) is better than a bad marriage, the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library (AJLJPL) and Toronto Jewish Congress officially parted ways on Jan. 1 when TJC ceased funding the 50,000-volume collection.

TJC officials said they had no recourse but to stop providing \$288,000 annually to the library — half of which was in the form of occupancy of the two-storey facility at the Lipa Green Building [CJN Oct. 10].

Over the last five years, TJC had conducted two library improvement studies. But the AJLJPL board refused to implement the recommendations.

According to Cayle Chernin, who took over as president of the AJLJPL board on Nov. 14, there is a new spirit at the library since the acrimony with TJC ended.

Chernin is buoyant with programming plans for invigorating the underutilized library — and fund-raising ideas to pay for them.

The first combined cultural/fund-raising program will be the installation of Zachor (Remember!) by Toronto artist Gail Schwartz. A date for the opening will be finalized at the AJLJPL's next board meeting on Jan. 16.

Chernin spoke to The CJN of her long-range plans for turning the library into a much needed cultural centre for the Jewish community. She also discussed the possibility of relocating the library to a more accessible ground floor site.

But the board won't have much time for the luxury of pondering the future with the present financial situation weighing so heavily.

Aside from some unsolicited donations which have come in as gestures of support, the library is facing insolvency. The day of reckoning has been temporarily postponed, thanks to Albert Latner, who has agreed to match — for three months — the programming budget previously provided by TJC.

Steve Ain, TJC's executive director, said his or-

ganization will forego the \$36,000 in occupancy costs normally due till the end of March.

But he warned, "It's not going to go on forever."

Chernin questioned TJC's right to evict the AJLJPL, saying the library — at TJC's behest — sold its former premises at 22 Glen Park Ave. and used that money to help finance the construction of the Bathurst Street community

headquarters. The AJLJPL relocated at the Lipa Green Building in the fall of 1983.

"We'll squat there. We just won't leave," Chernin stated.

But she was also conciliatory, calling the parting of ways "probably for the best. I think ultimately, if we don't sling too much mud, there will be a time Congress will come back and say, 'Hey — that's great, guys.'"



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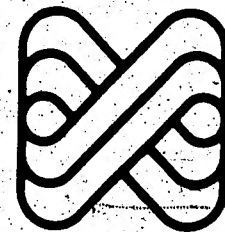
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Organizations and People

Country is being "Russified"

Soviet aliya said benefiting Israel

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

There is really a fundamental difference between living in a community in the Jewish Diaspora and building a Jewish society that is part of history, says Israeli author and journalist Haim Chertok.

"We are replenishing what we lost in the Holocaust," Chertok told a packed audience of over 120 at the Temple Israel Congregation. The engagement was sponsored by the Israel Program Centre, the Jewish Community Centre, and the Ottawa Va'ad Hair.

The Soviet Jewish aliya is continuing apace and Israel is being "Russified" on a daily basis, said the well-received Chertok from Yeruham, near Beer-sheba. "When you walk down the street you hear that Russian is (actually) the street language."

The immigration process is not a passive one. The massive influx of Soviet Jewish immigrants is having a direct and inalienable impact on the State of Israel and consequently some pleasant and rude awakenings are in store for indigenous and immigrant

Jews alike.

Chertok, a journalist with the Jerusalem Post and an award-winning author of *Stealing Home*, a book on aliya, said that perestroika has really meant a reprieve for the Zionist idea.

The Soviet Jewish aliya represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for industrial and commercial change, procreative potential, and political movement, he said.

New immigrants are arriving at an astonishing and once-unbelievable rate, and they comprise an enormous talent pool skilled and motivated enough to make indelible changes in Israel.

"It is an ideal time for big (public works) projects," said Chertok. "Engineers and scientists can be put to work building much needed infrastructure such as roads, highways, desalination plants, and the Med-Dead Sea project to name a few. All that's needed is capital," he said.

Given Israel's current economic malaise, the transition toward a knowledge-based economy will not be an easy one. Many people will be dislocated, the immigration flow will accelerate, and it will be

some time before the 21st century blueprint of Israel's growing knowledge industry will be realized.

Ottawa native Samuel Goldstein disagreed with Chertok's presentation, citing reports from friends in Israel.

"The Russians are very dissatisfied with the way they're being absorbed. He reminded me of the 1950s when Israel would send over shaliachim (emissaries) to rose over the situation," said Goldstein. Chertok discussed a variety of solutions to the absorption problem. These include:

• Tent encampments. It will be a temporary solution especially if they are situated in the right place and not made to be poverty ghettos.

• Kibbutzim. As housing costs rise and olim acculturate to Israeli-style socialism, kibbutzim will have an increasingly important role to play.

• Spare rooms. "If people are asked to free up existing space, they will do

so. Americans and Canadians are spearheading this process."

Chertok said that the prospects for peace in the Middle East will be enhanced by the latest immigration, as the projected critical mass of five million Jews will afford a much stronger negotiating position with respect to the Palestinians.

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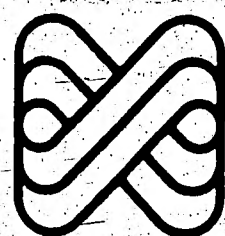
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DISCOUNT SHOPPING

Will price be bottom line for consumers in 1991?

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

As the Canadian economic community is forecasting nothing but doom and gloom for the next few months, consumers will be searching for the best deals for their money.

Responding to this demand, retailers have been slashing prices in an effort to clear last year's stock and attract customers.

Is price slashing enough?

The whole issue of discount shopping in Canada is a bone of contention for all those involved in the marketplace.

The vice-president of the Retail Council of Canada said that there is an on-going debate as to whether discount shopping with its sacrifice of convenience and service for lower prices will be successful in Canada.

Mel Fruitman said that American discount stores are successful due to a large manufacturing base. He said that for the most part these stores are selling clear-outs rather than products specifically produced for that market.

He said Canada's population will not support this type of warehouse shopping.

To date, there are some centres that have found support within the Canadian market.

Fruitman said this attraction is two-fold. First, there is what he called the treasure-hunt aspect. The type of people who frequent discount stores are those who like to spend time hunting for bargains.

Secondly, the primary support comes during tough economic times, he said.

"During hard times, people are more inclined to look for bargains and they are willing to spend the time and trouble to find them. During more affluent periods, time is precious to the consumer," Fruitman said.

"Right now, the discount stores might take off, but the process might be short lived."

He said that the bargains found have to be weighed against the practicality of shopping at discount stores.

At the same time, the convenience factor must be considered when discussing the issue

of cross-border shopping, he said.

After figuring in travelling time and border hassles, is it worth the money that is spent on those so-called bargains in the United States?

As far as how much is spent in the U.S., Fruitman said no one knows the exact amount.

He suggests that the recent interest in cross-border shopping is due to media hype. This, combined with a tough economy, has consumers convinced that there might be something to shopping south of the border, he said.

Fruitman said that many people don't realize that by shopping in the U.S., they are undermining the Canadian infrastructure and threatening their own jobs.

Historically, Canadians have always had to pay a higher price for their products in order to support a wide range of social services.

The senior economist of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business cited another reason why discount stores, to this point, have not been successful in Canada.

"Canadians are used to and prefer quality

products along with a beautiful approach to display and marketing. In the U.S., consumers are more concerned with price," Pierre Cleroux said. "The current trend shows that more Canadians are now being drawn to the U.S. because of the economy."

Cleroux said that while discount shopping is relatively new, it is a concept that will fair well in Canada even after the recession.

He said that even those people who earn a substantial salary won't want to pay more for a product, if they can find that merchandise cheaper somewhere else.

Cleroux predicted that due to consumer pressure, there will be a complete change in the entire sale structure in Canada.

"More and more, Canadians will move to discount shopping. Not only that, but eventually, direct sales will be made from the manufacturer to the retailer."

Therefore, the retailers' pricing system will be controlled by the competition of cross-border shopping and discount stores.

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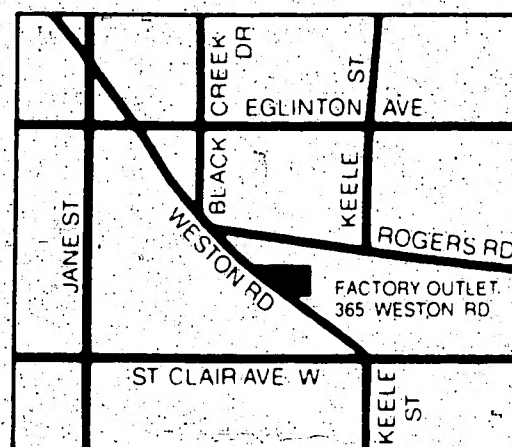


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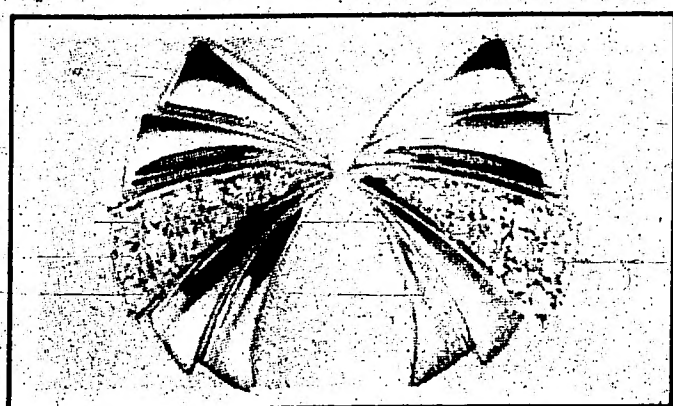


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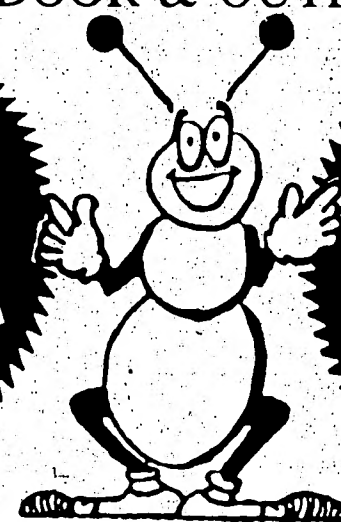
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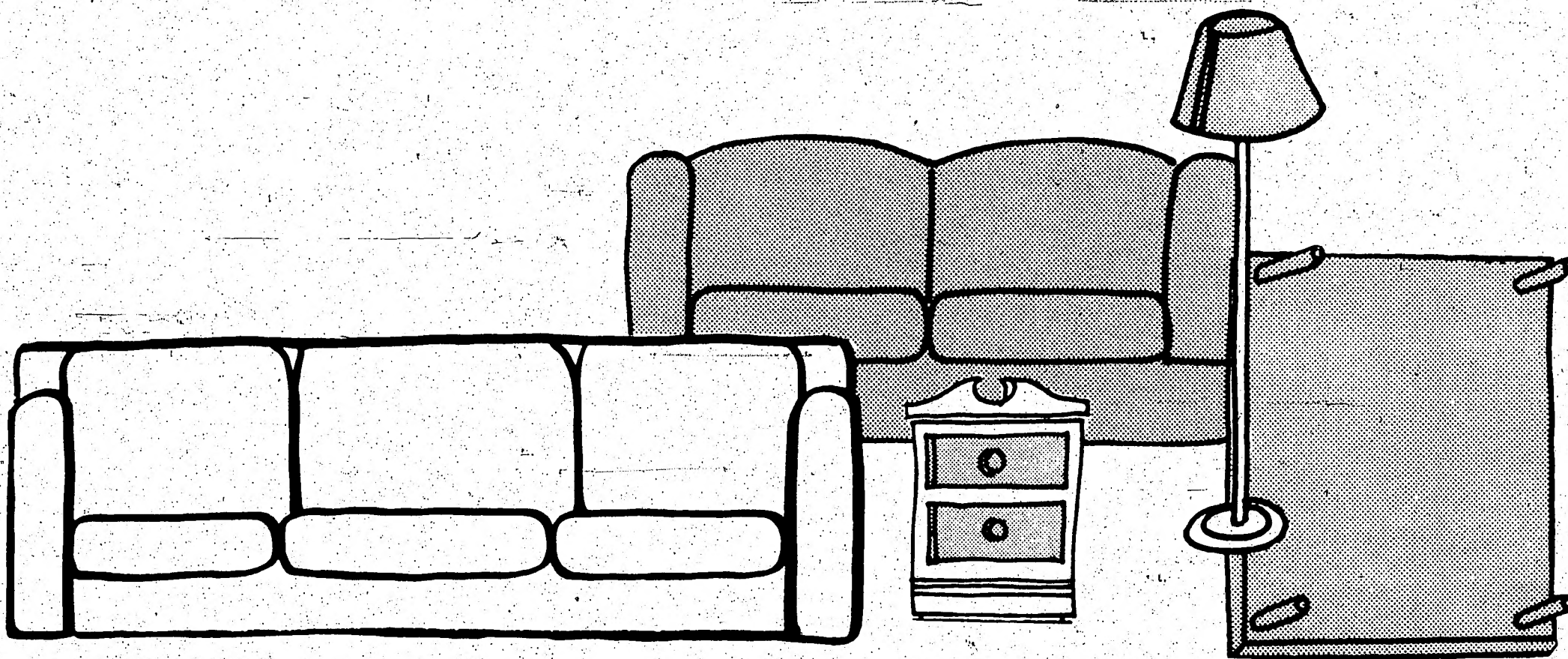
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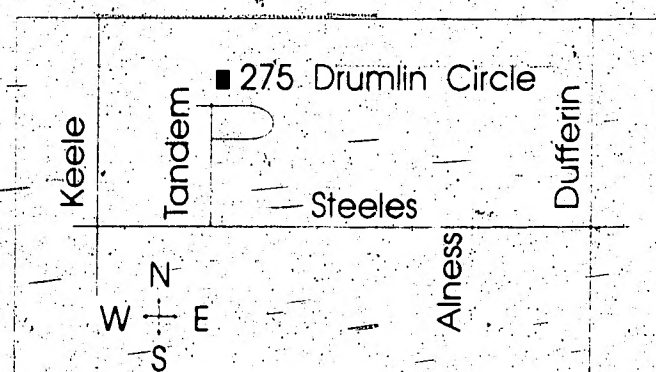


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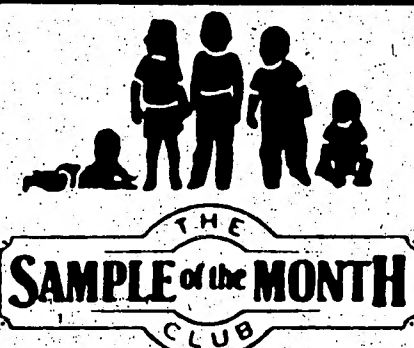
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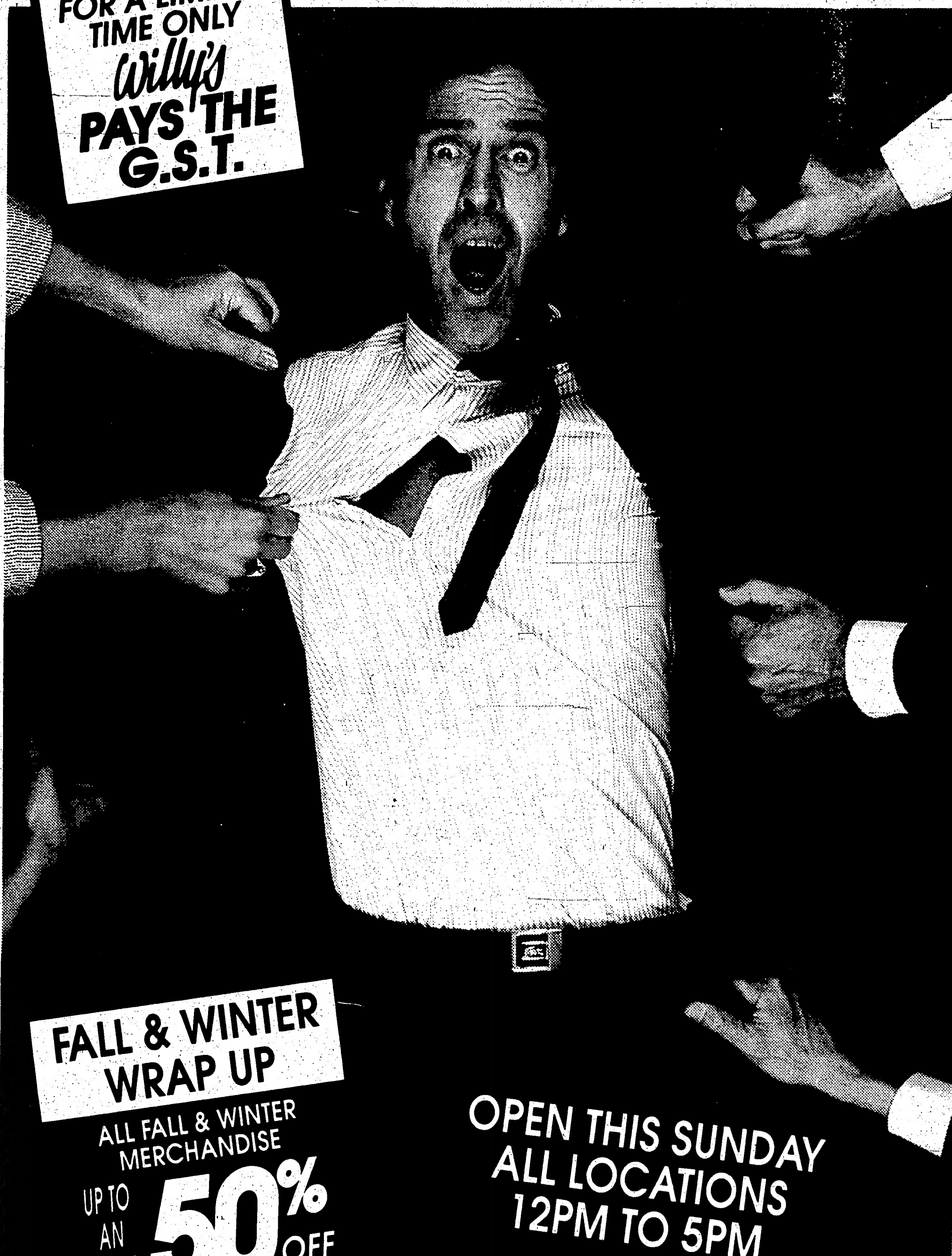
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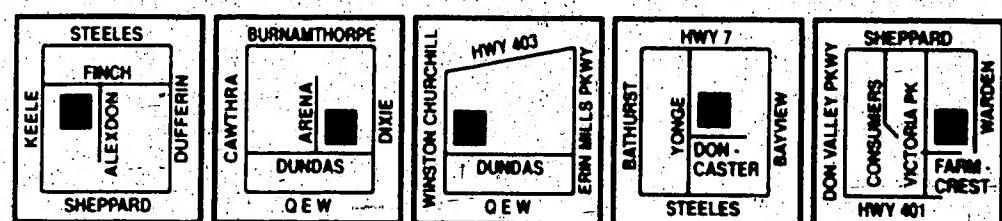
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Tom Hanks (left) and Bruce Willis star in *Bonfire of the Vanities*.

Bonfire of the Vanities misfires once too often



Brian De Palma's adaptation of Tom Wolfe's best-selling novel, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, is extravagantly excessive. Where subtlety is called for, heavy-handedness is dished out.

As conceived by Wolfe, *Bonfire of the Vanities* was an indictment of racism and reverse-racism, as well as a scathing satirization of Manhattan WASP society. Wall Street, the judicial system, tabloid journalism, radical blacks and last, but not least, liberal Jews.

These themes, in De Palma's hands, are taken up with a flourish, but not seriously developed. De Palma seems more interested in sensationalizing, and thereby cheapening, the issues laid out by Wolfe.

Regrettably, too, the lead performers are not up to snuff, particularly Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffith and Tom Hanks, all of whom are normally capable of carrying a film. In this case, they're like excess baggage.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Bonfire of the Vanities* was touted as "the most talked-about movie of 1990," a picture that would do justice to Wolfe's acidic novel of the greedy-1980s. It seemed like a sure-fire winner, given the nature of the book, the director and the cast.

Being a satire, no one is immune from a poke in the ribs. Not the Upper East Side socialites who fawn over each other. Not the black activist clergyman who manipulates the media to further his own ends. Not the Jewish district attorney whose political ambitions are boundless. Not the press lord, a thin disguise of Rupert Murdoch, who wants to sell newspapers at practically any cost. Not the cynical reporter who couldn't care less about the truth. Not the black judge (he was Jewish in the novel) who needs a white sacrificial lamb to bolster his credentials.

The central character in the proceedings, Sherman McCoy (Hanks), is an upper-class WASP bond trader, a Yale graduate, who's cheating on his vacuous, crassly materialistic wife (Kim Cattrall). McCoy is the archetypal Wall Street success story of the last decade, earning \$1.7 million in one spectacular deal, living in a palatial apartment with the usual attendants, driving a new Mercedes-Benz, wearing custom-made silk suits.

McCoy, who smugly considers himself a Master of the Universe, keeps a mistress (Griffith), a good-looking, horny and mar-

ried society dame. He picks her up at the airport one night, and off they head for a hotel in Manhattan. Distracted by their conversation, McCoy takes a wrong turn, finding himself in the South Bronx, a black ghetto teeming with hookers and decaying buildings. They're frightened, for the South Bronx may as well be light years away from the Upper East Side. Yet the only concern on McCoy's mind is whether a careless passerby will scratch his beloved Mercedes.

On a deserted, debris-filled ramp, they encounter two seemingly threatening black teenagers who symbolize the yawning suspicion between whites and blacks in urban America. A scuffle ensues, resulting in a mishap that sends one of the blacks to hospital. This otherwise insignificant incident spirals out of control, as far as McCoy is concerned, as the district attorney and the police department, egged on by a savvy black clergyman, launch an investigation. McCoy's life, already in tatters, comes under further assault by Peter Fallow (Willis), an alcoholic reporter whose job hangs on a thread.

It's a fine yarn of our times, brimming with dramatic possibilities, but De Palma all but throws it away with a self-conscious, heavy-handed, self-parodying style. *Bonfire of the Vanities* has its moments, but they burn out rather quickly, leaving dying embers.

Hanks, a comedian of the first rank, does not pass muster as McCoy. Sure, he can put on cosmopolitan airs, but they can't compensate for his inability to get into McCoy's skin. Willis, who also serves as narrator, is utterly unconvincing. Griffith, with her trademark kittenish voice, is no more than a sexy cipher who's required to display her feminine wiles.

F. Murray Abraham, who portrays Abe Weiss, the upwardly-mobile Jewish district attorney, is shrill to the point of nausea. Saul Rubinek, the Canadian actor who depicts Weiss' obsequious assistant, overplays it by a mile. Alan King, who appears briefly as a Jewish businessman who flies Moslems to Mecca on Israeli-leased airplanes, is not much better.

Only Morgan Freeman, as a bitterly sarcastic black judge, comes off respectfully in a film which misfires once too often.

SNIPPETS

Adapted by Tom Stoppard from John le Carré's novel, *The Russia House* is an opaque film about glasnost and Cold War intrigue shot on location in the Soviet Union, Portugal and Canada. Eliciting exemplary performances from Sean Connery as a boozy British publisher, Michelle Pfeiffer as a melancholy Russian idealist and Klaus Maria Brandauer as a brilliant Soviet scientist, *The Russia House* is intelligent but too intricate by half. And, I might add, the ending is just too clean and neat. It's at the Famous Players chain.

Author criss-crossed country

Religious beliefs probed in U.S.

The Search for Meaning — Americans Talk About What They Believe & Why. By Philip Berman (Random House, \$25.95).

Starting in 1986, and for the next 3½ years, the editor of this engrossing oral history criss-crossed the United States and interviewed 500 persons about their religious and philosophical beliefs.

Berman, a prolific writer on social and religious issues, asked questions such as these: What experiences changed your life? How does faith in God, or in human goodness, influence your actions? What are your feelings about race, war, money, politics and pleasure? What is the essential meaning of life?

The hundred or so most articulate, surprising and memorable of the responses, presented in brief and thematic form in this book, provide a kind of moral profile of 20th-century America. Those interviewed came from all walks of life and from all parts of the country. They provide an astonishing range of opinions, values and beliefs — "from zealous fundamentalist Christianity to cautious skepticism; from eastern mysticism to out-and-out nihilism; from hedonistic pursuit of pleasure to the ascetic joys of self-sacrifice."

One of the most moving interviews is with a middle-aged woman whose grief over the death of her eight-year-old son led to her conversion to Judaism. A rabbi suggested that she celebrate the Sabbath with her family.

"So the next Friday night we had our Shabbat again, because it was sort of like celebrating ourselves; it was the difference between being the victim and standing up for what is good and beautiful. We got illness all over the place and life's a mess and the bills are incredible and we don't understand how to do the insurance, but, by God, look at this! We've got this white tablecloth, and we've got these candles, and we've got each other; and we've got tonight... this is nice!"

Richard Lamm, Governor of Colorado, laments that his country has become hedonistic, fun-loving, and lacking in those firm virtues that once made America great. He asserts that unless these ideals are recaptured, future generations "will have a tumultuous time."

A 68-year-old Hungarian concentration camp survivor, now living in Colorado, angrily explains her loss of faith. "In Auschwitz everybody pray, everybody pray and pray and pray. I lost my husband. I lost my child. I saw my sister shot to death before my eyes. I was beaten. And when I saw the crematorium, I didn't pray anymore. I was so angry! And when I came home, I'm absolutely not a God-believer again. When God knows everything and sees everything, where is



Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

he when children are dying from hunger in Africa? Where is he now, when innocent people are being killed all over the world? When God is so big, why can't he come and help? He can do it, this is what the Bible says. I just don't see why he doesn't."

A public official in Oklahoma confides that after seeking wisdom from the great and near-great of the world, he discovered that it is "necessary for us to

hammer out, however modest, our own vision, our own simple wisdom, and maybe wisdom itself is not all so complex as we admirers of it believe. Maybe it's simply that thing you have left over after you've forgotten everything that you learned in school and in the books. I'm not sure what it is. Maybe in the nooks and the crannies of living you find wisdom gathered there like dust?"

A rabbi in Tucson, Ariz. deplors all forms of idolatry and includes the state of Israel. "Israel has become our football team, see. We like to sit in the stands and watch the gladiators clobber each other, and we cheer for the ones from our city... but that's idolatry, ethnicity."

The reader is left with the impression that a surprising number of "ordinary" Americans are unwilling to fall victim to "tranquilization by the trivial" as they reach out to establish a sense of meaning in their lives.

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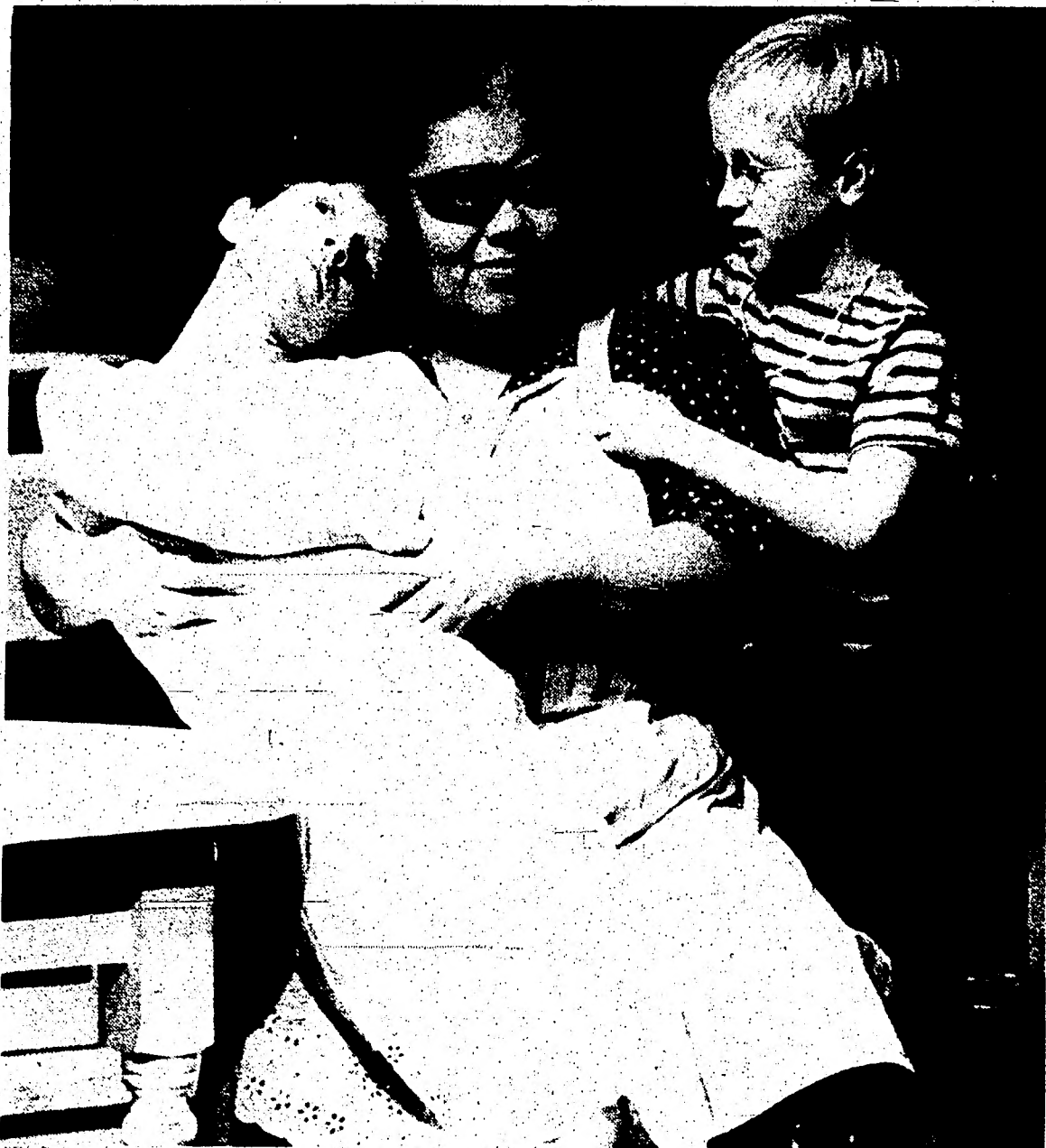
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Focuses on rejected outsiders

Jews can identify with play's theme



Nicky Guadagni (left), Jackie Richardson and Dougal Rodger co-star in *A Member Of The Wedding* playing at the Tarragon Theatre.

poignant phrase, "I feel as if somebody had peeled all the skin off me."

I admire the four young actors, aged from 25 to 30, who have daringly launched their new Theatre Boku-Maru company with such an ambitious production.

But, alas, I was terribly disappointed by their version of *Metamorphosis*, running until Jan. 21 at the Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen St. W., one block west of Ossington (538-0988).

It's based on the 1915 short story by Franz Kafka, the Prague-born, German-speaking Jewish writer, best known for his surrealistic novels, *The Trial* and *The Castle*, dealing with alienated victims of a hostile society.

The equally bizarre *Metamorphosis* concerns a travelling Czech salesman who wakes up one morning to find he has been transformed into a giant insect; he is rejected by his employer and treated like a repulsive monster by his family.

The story was dramatized in the 1960s by Steven Berkoff, a Jewish playwright in London; and last year, the ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov played the lead role in a successful Broadway production.

Regrettably, the Toronto production is as ponderous as the German silent films of the 1930s; the directing is ham-handed; and the acting amateurish. Nevertheless, I'd like to

encourage the young troupe to keep experimenting. If it's any consolation, remember that the great Orson Welles himself failed to make sense out of his 1962 film version of Kafka's *The Trial*.

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

Jews have long known what it's like to be nonconformists not accepted by society's majority group.

That theme — of the rejected outsider — is examined in revivals of two dramas currently on view in Toronto.

One still holds up as meaningful, compassionate and contemporary. The other seems as outdated as a fossil.

Let's take a look at the hit play first. It's *A Member Of The Wedding*, running until Feb. 10 at the Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave. (531-1827).

Carson McCullers, a sort of Deep South kissing cousin of Tennessee Williams, won a New York Drama Critics' Award when her sensitive, bittersweet play opened on Broadway in 1950. Two years later, when the play was converted into a Fred Zinnemann film, it won stardom for the trio of performers in the three major roles — Julie Harris, Ethel Waters and Brandon De Wilde.

It's a classic coming-of-age story about a tempestuous, 12-year-old girl named Franky in a rural Georgia town, temporarily

"unjoined" as she tries to cope with her puberty growing-up pains.

Nicky Guadagni, a Toronto actress in her 30s, does a credible job of impersonating the overwrought adolescent.

A barefooted, crewcut tomboy in blue overalls, she has been blackballed by a girls' social club. She is lonesome since the death of her mother. And she wails about being considered a freak. "Every person belongs to a 'we' except me."

The buxom earth-mother housekeeper (portrayed with fine understatement by Toronto blues singer Jackie Richardson) carefully avoids the black mammy stereotypes and virtually steals the show.

She can be sadly resigned, as when she comforts Franky, "I'm caught worse than you, honey, because I was born colored."

But she can be amusing, too, as when she recounts the virtues and failings of her three past husbands with lusty gusto.

Also providing some comedy is Franky's runty, bespectacled nephew John Henry (performed with too whispery a voice by nine-year-old Dougal Rodger).

In one hilarious scene, Franky, clutching a fly swatter, runs around the kitchen table after the shrimp, hollering, "Freak! Midget!"

And he is funniest of all in the last act when director Michael Mackenzie ingeniously lets the boy make a quick appearance at a family wedding wearing gauzy angel wings and a pink skirt.

The mixed emotions of a social misfit are expressed poetically in Franky's



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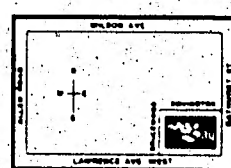
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Showbiz Mishmash

Jack Benny memoir reveals he was no miserly shmo

By
FRANK RASKY

There are two things I recall most vividly about my journalistic encounters with Jack Benny in the 1960s.

I recall the perceptive truism I heard from one of his team of four writers, Harry Conn. "Benny," he wisecracked without malice, "couldn't ad lib a belch at a Hungarian dinner."

I recall, too, my own amazement when Benny proved to be unlike any other comedian I had ever interviewed. I mean that he wasn't "on" all the time, aggressively showing off that he was the king of funnymen.

On the contrary, he seemed like an affable, self-disparaging actor with no vanity at all. He was a truly decent mensch who had nothing but praise for his fellow humorists, whether they were Fibber McGee and Mollie, Fred Allen and Danny Kaye, or Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster.

"Jack was not only my best friend for over 50 years," George Burns remarked. "He was also my best audience. Jack didn't just laugh at everything I said. He'd fall down laughing on the floor... on the street... in the men's room... wherever we were... I miss Jack. He was a nice man."

That last quote is part of the foreword of a new book I partly recommend titled *Sunday Nights At Seven: The Jack Benny Story* (Random House of Canada; 302 pages; \$26). I say I partly recommend it, because this peculiar hodgepodge bears the joint byline by Jack Benny and his daughter Joan.

I enjoyed the wry understated wit of half of it, which is the comedian's formerly unpublished autobiography originally titled *I Always Had Shoes*. The 400-page manuscript was discovered in the back of a file cabinet after Benny's death in 1974 at the age of 80.

I did not enjoy the other half of it, which has been stitched together haphazardly by his adopted daughter, Joan. She comes across as a rich, pampered product of a Beverly Hills upbringing. Now 55, she is a banal writer, devoid of talent or charm, seemingly more interested in her three failed marriages than discovering anything fresh to say about her idolized Daddy.

Benny himself is refreshingly candid about debunking his stereotyped public image.

"In the first place," he writes, "I was not born in Waukegan," and when setting down his memoirs had long passed the age of 39. Rather, he came into the world on Feb. 14, 1894 in Mercy Hospital in Chicago and was named Benjamin Kubelsky.

"In the second place," he confides, unlike other showbiz clowns, "I did not triumph over adversity."



Jack Benny



Rosalie Moscoe



Moe Koffman



Lenka Lichtenberg



Trudy Desmond



Geraldine Farrell

My only handicap is golf."

Benny's parents were conventional, hardworking, Orthodox Jewish immigrants. His father, Meyer Kubelsky, was a former peddler of kitchenware, who later owned a saloon and a haberdashery shop in the Illinois town of Waukegan. His mother, Emma, was a genius at baking cakes and cookies, which led to plump little Benjamin's sole addiction — not drugs, but a lifelong craving for sweets. They were good-natured, culture-conscious parents, affluent enough to buy their six-year-old son a \$100 violin.

Benny further disabused his fans of the myth that he was the world's stingiest tightwad. In reality, he was a generous spender, who used his violin and his comedy to raise millions of dollars for Israel bonds and Jewish charities. He wrote in his autobiography:

"Actually, I'm not a cheapskate. Once, many years ago in the Moulin Rouge, a Hollywood nightclub where the standard tip was a quarter, I tipped the hatcheck girl a dollar. She returned it. 'Please, Mr. Benny,' she said, 'leave me with some illusions.'"

I found most delightful, though, the story of how the true-life *shnook* courted the Jewish girl from Vancouver, B.C., who ultimately became his "dumb blonde" wife billed on Benny's radio and TV shows as Mary Livingstone. Her real name was Sadie Marks. Her father, Henry Marks was a distant relative of the Marx Brothers, who were then sharing the vaudeville bill with Benny at Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre.

Zeppo, the youngest of the comic brothers, asked Benny to accompany him to the first night of the Marks family's Passover seder. Sadie, then 14, was infatuated with the fiddle-playing Prince Charming. But Benny, always bashful with girls, was embarrassed by her puppy-love glances.

Six years later, when Sadie was working as a ladies' hosiery sales clerk in a Los Angeles department store, it was Benny's turn to be infatuated. He was so love-stricken that the bachelor bought dozens of silk stockings from the now sophisticated Sadie and winced and dined her. But he was too tongue-tied to pop the marital question, until he heard she was seriously dating another man. The dialogue went like this:

"I think we ought to get married," he finally blurted.

"Why?" she said. "Well, my father likes you."

"That's a silly reason."

"Well, I could use a girl like you in my act."

"That's an even sillier reason."

"What I mean," he stammered, "is I guess, I guess, uh, I love you..."

She kissed him. On Jan. 14, 1927, they were married at an Orthodox wedding in Waukegan, and for 47 years the most beloved comedian of his time remained happily married.

This week's tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts. Mazel tov to Rosalie Moscoe, guitarist, composer, vocalist, who began her career over 30 years ago wowing Jewish seniors in a comedy act with her mother Doris and later teamed up with Jim Duchesneau to sing original songs to kids. Now, in her solo act, she'll be wowing the whole family in a Jan. 27 concert at Minkler Auditorium.

CBC cutbacks force talent to head south

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Budget cutbacks and new programming policies which followed the recent government announcement that it was chopping the CBC's schedules as well as future programming, is driving some Canadian talent to the United States.

CBC's decision to eliminate comedy from its production schedule led to the decision by Howard Nemetz and Simon Rakoff to move to Hollywood.

Nemetz and Rakoff are Toronto stand-up comedians and comedy writers who have been writing comedy as a team for more than eight years.

They are successful performers and writers of films and television shows. They were commissioned by the CBC to develop original situation comedy shows which were very well received.

The CBC's cutbacks cancelled Nemetz and Rakoff's planned series *Yes, Dad*, along with 12 other sitcom pilot episodes written by Canadian sitcom writers. *Yes, Dad*, is the story of a retired Jewish storekeeper who moves in with his somewhat shallow son.

ing the whole family in a Jan. 27 concert at Minkler Auditorium.

On March 3, she'll be the headliner of a benefit concert for the National Council of Jewish Women at Earl Haig Secondary School. And later this month she'll release her new cassette for youngsters aged two to eight, *Rosalie's Time Machine & Lullabies For All Time*. My two all-time favorite Rosalie ballads are *Mommy Get Off The Phone* and *Pterodactyl Rock*. For information, phone 531-1174.

I look forward to hearing that beautiful blonde jazz singer Trudy Desmond doing her stuff Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and 2 at the intimate new 40-seat jazz room, Upstairs at the Church Street Cafe, 485 Church, 925-1155.

Proving that jazz is enjoying a revival in Toronto, seasoned jazzman Moe Koffman will be performing and discussing his wondrous music at jazz matinees beginning at 2 p.m. March 30 at Bob

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Toronto's Rena Cohen is the director of the poignant one-woman drama *Beatrice*, playing from Jan. 16 to 19 at the Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., 364-4170. It's the touching memoir performed by playwright-actress Geraldine Farrell about the death of her mother from cancer when Farrell, now in her 30s, was 12. It won five awards at the 1989 Quebec Drama Festival.

Farrell also won raves when creating the role of Sheila Cohn, a tough Jewish tycoon in Montreal's garment trade, for the world premiere of *Fire Sale* at Montreal's Centaur Theatre.

And congratulations to Lenka Lichtenberg, the Prague-born Toronto composer, singer and guitarist,

whose grandparents perished in the Holocaust. Her new cassette, *Songs Of Shalom* (\$10.98), most of them her own compositions, are performed in English, Yiddish and Hebrew. I found most moving her lament over the current torments of Israel:

*I am the old Jewish soul
Daughter of Jordan, son
of Lake Galilee
My children fight for
their home
I dry their tears; I quell
their fears,
God knows only when --
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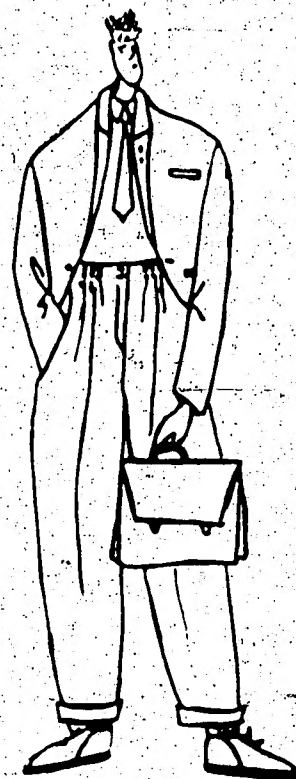
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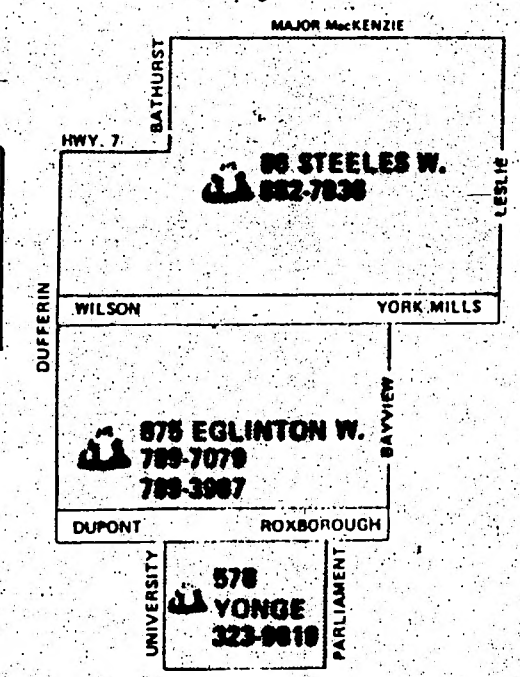
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Travel

Shops not as busy though

London still popular despite recession

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

LONDON —

Flying to and from London, England, one would never know that the western world is in the midst of a full-blown recession. Planes are full and even business and first class sections are sold out, and at Heathrow it seems that planes are leaving and arriving from all over the world at the rate of one a minute.

In London itself, the recession is a bit more apparent in that the more expensive retail establishments are not nearly as busy as they usually are. Close out shops and areas like Camden Town, with its massive weekend outdoor flea market, that runs for blocks and blocks, attract wall-to-wall people.

Whether or not they get true bargains is beside the point — it's more important that they believe they're saving money by shopping here.

Restaurants at all levels seem to be constantly busy, but for a visitor with a limited time to spend, they may not provide a true picture of the economy.

Hotels are fairly busy and the more lavish establishments are very expensive — \$300 (U.S.) per day for an average room is more normal than not. But if one looks around, one

can find more reasonable hotels that are quite nice and in convenient locations.

The Hilton Mews, for example, located immediately behind the Hilton Park Lane is a newly refurbished small inn that's quite attractive and under \$100 (U.S.) per day. A real bargain.

But it's in the theatre district that a recession-be-damned attitude seems to prevail. New plays are constantly opening and attracting avid playgoers both for evening and afternoon performances.

Biggest musical

Prices are not unreasonable — the equivalent of approximately \$60 (U.S.) seems to be the top-priced ticket for a hit musical like *Miss Saigon*, far less than the ticket cost on Broadway and even Toronto.

Miss Saigon is undoubtedly the biggest musical of the season but the stories that it's impossible to get tickets are just that, stories. Fairly decent tickets are often available at the box office the morning of the day's performance and the various ticket agencies often have a fairly decent seat selection for a mini-

mum fee.

Set in Saigon during the closing days of the Vietnam War, the play is an updated version of *Madame Butterfly* that's extremely well done and pulls at the heartstrings and the consciences of anyone even peripherally involved in the war. Scheduled to open in New York this spring and in Toronto sometime in 1992, it will no doubt be an equally big hit this side of the Atlantic.

Blood Brothers, a powerful drama set to music also has them lining up at the box office. Although it's been playing for over two years and is a proven hit, it has had little, if any, press in North America. Although it will be opening shortly in Los Angeles, no Broadway opening has been announced.

Telling the story of an impoverished family in Liverpool, the play may seem at first to have a limited appeal. But its story is basically universal and cannot help but affect everyone in the audience no matter where they may come from, or what social or economic strata they may belong to.

Longtime hits *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats* and *Les Miserables* are still playing to full houses as is Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap*, now in its unheard of 38th year! Recent Toronto hits *Buddy*

and *Love Letters* are also packing them in and Andrew Lloyd Webber is represented by two musicals *Aspects of Love* and *Starlight Express*. Neither one received critical acclaim, but the public is still buying tickets.

Derek Jacobi in Jean Paul Sartre's *Kean* (at the Royal Alexandra in Toronto this winter) is a major dramatic hit. *Fences*, the play which ran on Broadway for over a year, opened in London last fall to critical and public acclaim.

Both the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company provide their repertoire theatre all year long, constantly reviving British and international masterpieces.

Last fall, the Israel: State of the Art exhibition was accompanied by five concerts by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, under the leadership of Zubin Mehta, performances by several Israeli dance groups, choirs

and the Israeli East-West (jazz) Ensemble, and the Yiddish Theatre of Israel.

Almost three weeks were also devoted to exclusive showings of Israeli films, some made as early as 1930 in Palestine.

Activities of the British Jewish community are much in evidence, but in a traditional conservative British manner. A number of members of Parliament are Jewish and the former chief rabbi of London, Lord Jakobovitch, is a member of the House of Lords.

Kosher food stores and a few kosher restaurants are scattered throughout the city and even the Hilton Hotel makes arrangements for kosher catering, albeit at a steep price.

Just as in North America, the Jewish community is moving around and there is no longer a singular Jewish residential area, although Golders Green still has a predominantly Jewish population.

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Travel

Plays, Torah classes offer break from winter blues

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

A few good plays, concerts, exhibits, and even free Torah classes in New York can often be the right antidote for winter blues. There are also two large expositions scheduled for February, and the number of kosher restaurants continue to grow. For singles there are opportunities to enjoy the city, and to meet people.

Neil Simon's comedy, *I Ought To Be In Pictures*, an American Jewish Theatre production, is at the Susan Bloch Theatre. *Spinoza*, about the Dutch Jewish philosopher, Baruch de Spinoza, is at the Jewish Repertory Theatre. The musical, *Grand Hotel*, continues at the Martin Beck Theatre, and *Fiddler On The Roof*, with Topol, is at the Gershwin Theatre.

Jackie Mason, *Brand New*, is featured at the Neil Simon Theatre, and *The Rothschilds* is running at the Circle in the Square Theatre.

The Mensch, a comedy about a young man trying to be a mensch, is at the Judith Anderson.

Two plays for lovers of Yiddish (who need not necessarily know the language) are now running in New York, one of them on Broadway. *Those Were The Days*, a new English-Yiddish musical review, is at the Edison Theatre.

Father's Inheritance, a Yiddish musical (simultaneous English translation is available), based on Jacob Gordin's *The Charlatan*, is at the Folksbiene Theatre.

On the musical scene, Lincoln Center's Mozart Bicentennial opens this winter, and continues through August 1992. All of Mozart's 835 compositions will be performed, and more than 500 events will be presented.

The Metropolitan Opera has lined up for February works by Mozart (*Don Giovanni*, *Die Zauberflöte*), Beethoven (*Fidelio*), and Verdi (*Luisa Miller*), to name but a few.

The Great Performers at Lincoln Center series, at

Alice Tully Hall, has scheduled an all-Mozart concert, by the Juilliard Quartet, for Feb. 13. Between Feb. 1 and 27 the Juilliard School will give a series of 10 fascinating free concerts at Alice Tully Hall.

For accommodation in the city, near all the action, the New York Hilton's All That Jazz special weekend package comes with Sunday brunch and the option for an additional night. They also feature a BounceBack Weekend package and a Romance package.

For visitors who come to New York with children there is a new program at the Drake Swissotel. The program makes it easier for business travelers to have their families join them on weekends, or otherwise. Amenities for the young set include a 10-page coloring book, with crayons, a child's handbook to New York, with games and puzzles, and various other treats.

Several weekend packages are available at the Hotel Inter-Continental. All of them can be supplemented with the Good Health option, which gives visitors special privileges at the hotel's new million dollar health club.

An exciting new exhibit at the Yeshiva University Museum is part of the worldwide commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, during

the Inquisition. The Sephardic Journey: 1492-1992, contains more than 1,000 items, from ceremonial objects to costumes and books.

Sholem Aleichem in America, a celebration of the great Yiddish writer (on whose work Fiddler on the Roof is based), is on display at the YIVO Institute.

The Museum of Stony Brook, Long Island, is showing Jews in American Cinema: 1898-1990, which traces the portrayal of Jews in film, and their impact on the film industry.

Although the Jewish Museum is closed for two years, for renovations, it is holding exhibits at the New York Historical Society. Its first show is Jacques Lipsitz: A Life in Sculpture.

The Jewish Family Expo, a hands-on experience, will be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center from Jan. 26 to Feb. 3. Visitors can watch Jewish craftsmen making shofars, wine, olive oil, and tefillin, as part of the expo.

The International Jewish Expo '90 (Feb. 16-18), at Pier 88 (55th Street and 12th Avenue) will have a variety of entertainment, food and gift displays, and much more.

Another New York experience, possibly of interest to singles, are the free, lunchtime Jewish studies classes for men and women, which take place in the heart of the Wall

Street area, Mondays through Thursdays.

The classes are located at the Sinai Heritage Center, and the topics vary for each day. On Mondays, for example, the topic is Jewish Ethics and Practice.

Among the kosher restaurants which have opened recently is va bene, Kosher Ristorante Italiano, on the upper east side, and Kosher Delight, in the heart of the diamond district.

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Business Outlook

Couple focuses on developing photography service

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

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For the past 13 years, the Silversteins have built their business on personalized service to customers.

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Vistek's first roots were formed in 1976 under the company name of Ron Silverstein Photography at 144 Front St. W. Initially, the company began with Mr. Silverstein shooting everything from model composites to album covers.

His studio was large and fully equipped with the best in cameras and lights. Not using the studio 24 hours a day, he decided to expand.

This meant renting the space and the equipment, and eventually, renting to outside studios. Business

boomed.

Mr. Silverstein's career had evolved from being a freelance photographer into a business that provided rental services to photographers.

Vistek was chosen as the

new name of his company as it combined the words visual and technology.

As demands for equipment beyond what he owned came along, Mr. Silverstein added more to his rental inventory.

In 1979, Polaroid authorized Vistek to sell its 8 X 10 professional products. He also obtained the exclusive Canadian distribution rights for the Speedotron line of studio lighting. In essence, Mr. Silverstein

started with the biggest and most complex pieces of equipment and worked his way down to the conventional camera.

Vistek moved to 100 Queen St. E., in 1981 in order to accommodate the growing business. Eventually, as the company expanded further — adding staff along with new lines — the firm outgrew the space. Over the years on Queen Street, the lease had to be rewritten four times to cover the increases in space.

By late 1989, Mr. Silverstein realized more space was needed and he again started the search for a new home.

After considering the many options for the new site, he settled on the historical property at 496 Queen St. E.

He said customers' needs and wants were the first priority in planning the layout of the premises. To achieve this, the prime retail space on the first floor was dedicated to film and rentals departments as these are the most frequently used elements of the business.

The second floor was the logical size and layout for 35mm, medium-format cameras and darkroom equipment. The third floor worked ideally for large format cameras, studio and portable lighting equipment.

The plan worked perfectly, Mr. Silverstein said, adding that by placing the equipment which requires more selling attention and longer comparative shopping on the upper floors,

customers feel more relaxed and are not faced with interference from others who are rushing in or out for film, paper or rentals.

Given the number of years he has spent in the industry, he was able to comment on current photographic trends.

He said that while video is the most popular item in the industry today, a popularity that is only growing, nothing will ever be able to replace the snapshot.

He attributed the lasting effectiveness of the snapshot to the fact that individuals don't have to worry about any electronic devices in order to see someone in a specific situation. Instant feedback, especially with a Polaroid, is possible with a snapshot, he said.

Another change involves the automation of cameras. Mr. Silverstein said that although professional ac-

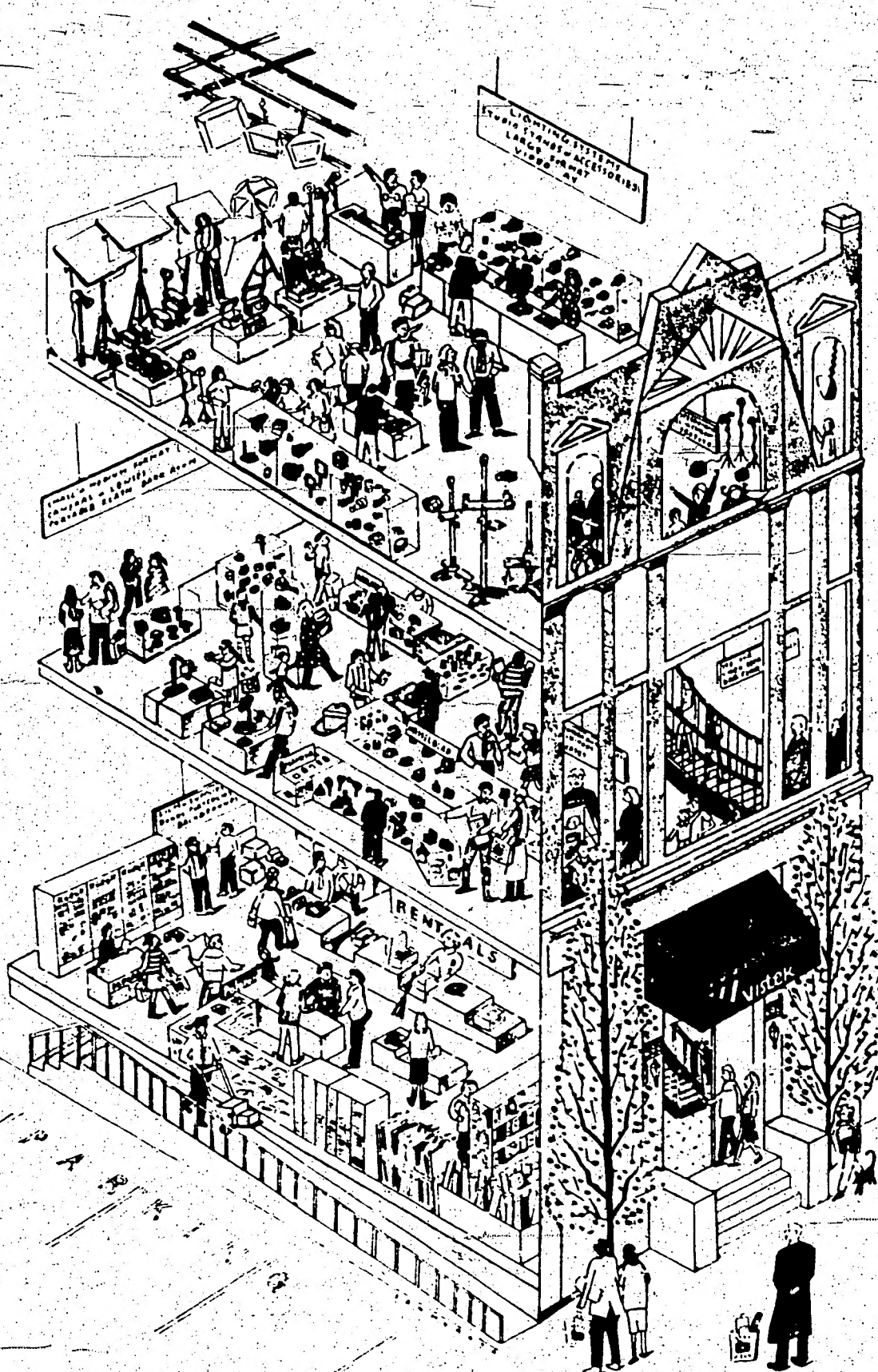
ceptance of the automatic was slow, gradually more and more are turning to them.

He mentioned that the computerized camera is another change to which individuals can look forward. He added that photography is in a mode of transition. He said that the industry will see more moves towards the electronic media.

What challenges is Vistek facing in the future?

Mrs. Silverstein, who was present for the interview, said that the challenge will be to attract individuals, not just professional photographers. This, she said, is not an idea they find intimidating.

From the layout of the store to the product lines carried to the technical qualifications of the staff, Mrs. Silverstein said that anyone who visits the store will find it user-friendly and comfortable.



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Goldman denied deadline extension

By
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The Israeli government has received a double setback in its plans to sell its majority holdings in the country's main banks.

However, M.I. Holdings Ltd. — the Israeli crown corporation handling the bank sale, is continuing with its deacquisition plans, reports indicate.

The first setback was the withdrawal of a Canadian group which had been one of two bidders for IDB Bankholding Corp., the Tel Aviv-based parent of the Israel Discount Bank Ltd.

Citing trouble raising capital due to political uncertainty in the Middle East and the recession in North America and Europe, Murray Goldman, the Toronto financier who headed the investor consortium [CJN Oct. 18], had asked M.I. Holdings for a three-month extension to the bidding process.

Goldman is the founder of the Goldman Group, a Toronto-based real estate development company, and chairman of the Ontario-based Dominion Trust Co.

Arie Koren, deputy director-general of M.I. Holdings said the Dec. 20th decision against an extension was made because of the government's timetable.

The closing date for tenders was Sept. 12, and the government had hoped to conclude the sale in January.

The only other bid on IDB was submitted by the Recanati family of Haifa, which founded the bank in 1935 and controls 13 per cent of its stock.

The second wrinkle in the government's plans came when Raphael Recanati and his son, Udi, together with

other executives in Israel's banking industry, were recently indicted on fraud charges pertaining to the October 1983 bank shares scandal.

The government bailed out the commercial banks by converting their shares into long-term bonds.

Attorney-General Yosef Harish has charged the bankers with manipulating the value of the stocks they were touting. The shares, promoted as a safe hedge during a period of triple-digit hyper-inflation, were undermined by the collapse of the Tel Aviv stock market in 1982.

Ronnie Mandowsky, vice-president of the Goldman Group, told The CJN that it was "shocking" that the Recanatis had not been disqualified.

Senior officials at the Bank of Israel have urged that the sale of IDB to the Recanatis be reconsidered, Ma'ariv reported.

IDB, which has 250 branches across Israel and the world's major financial centres, is the first bank M.I. Holdings has put on the block.

Five investment groups submitted bids on the smaller Mizrahi Bank in the final hours before the Dec. 21 closing of tenders. A sixth bid was disqualified.

The IDB's 1989 annual report shows that IDB Bankholding has a shareholders' equity of \$763 million (U.S.) and assets of \$16 million (U.S.).

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Business Outlook

Here are some tips on developing investment strategy and portfolio

Question: I have made a New Year's resolution to do some good investing in 1991. Can you give me some useful suggestions or advice?

Answer: Because we don't have any detailed information about you, it is difficult to offer specific advice. However, we are often asked this question, so perhaps some general comments and suggestions would be in order.

If you are in the age group under 50, we suggest:

- Avoid non-deductible debt as much as possible.
- Purchase RRSPs to your maximum. There are new limits in 1991.
- Purchase a house, if possible, especially now that there are some good bargains available.
- Consider Mutual Funds for growth investment. Prices are low at present, and you have a lot of years ahead to let them grow. Shop with care. Look for a good track record and no-load or low-load funds.

If you are in the 50 to 65 age group, we suggest:

- Continue to contribute to your RRSPs. Consider future income splitting by contributing to a spousal plan.
- Pay down your mortgage by as much as you can.
- Pay off non-deductible debt.
- Consider less risky investments such as money market funds, balanced mutual funds, term deposits and GICs.

If you are over 65, we suggest:

- Continue to contribute to your RRSP, based on earned income if you are still working and/or contribute up to \$6,000 of employment pension income to a spousal RRSP.
- Investments should be conservative. We feel at this point in your life you don't want to see your capital eroded by risk investments. Therefore, we suggest that you invest RRSP and non-registered investments in guaranteed term deposits, GICs, Treasury Bills, etc.
- It is important that RRSP funds can be retrieved at any time, so we suggest using an RRSP carrier which will let you have your money, whenever you decide to convert it to income. Locked-in investments can be a costly hindrance if you need to convert to a RRIF or annuity.

To properly develop your investment strategy and portfolio, it is important that you consult with an appropriate advisor who will assist you in reaching your objectives, choosing your investments and keeping up to date in the future.

Question: What's the difference between the 1990 RRSP rules and the 1991 rules? Should I deposit 1991 early?

Answer: Just when you think you know all about RRSPs, the government brings in some rule changes. In 1991, RRSP contribution limits have been increased to a maxi-

The Readers Ask: By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER



mum of \$11,500 or 18 per cent of your previous year's earned income. If you are a member of a pension plan or deferred profit-sharing plan, your allowable RRSP contribution will be reduced by a pension adjustment calculated by your employer.

Carry forward deductions

Each year Revenue Canada will advise you of the maximum you may contribute to an RRSP. In order to contribute the maximum in 1991, you will have had to earn \$63,889 in 1990.

If you do not use all of your allowable deduction for the year, you will be permitted to carry forward the unused portion up to

seven years. These new changes will allow many people to increase their RRSP accounts in the near future.

There is also a new rule concerning excess contributions to your RRSP. You will now be allowed a lifetime cumulative threshold of \$8,000 before a one-per cent per month penalty is assessed.

As to your second question the answer is yes, deposit your RRSP funds now. Interest rates are falling but you still have the opportunity of obtaining a good rate. By not waiting until next year, you get the additional benefit of the extra year of tax free compounding on your investment. You'd be amazed how this can add up over the years.

Question: I wonder if I qualify for a reverse mortgage? Here are the circumstances. My home is worth about \$700,000 even in today's market. I have a mortgage of about

\$190,000 on which I pay about \$2,500 every month. This mortgage is up for renewal in February. As I only want to stay in the house for another five years, can I have a reverse mortgage for this amount and not receive any payments?

Answer: An interesting concept. By not receiving income from the reverse mortgage, and instead relieving yourself of the monthly mortgage payments, you are achieving the same thing.

It appears that from the nature of your house and mortgage assessment this strategy is feasible. You must keep in mind that because there are no mortgage payments, the debt is increasing each month.

At the end of the five years, you may have much less equity left after the sale of the property and the payment in full of the mortgage. If property values increase over the next five years, the increase may equal or exceed the increase in the growth of the mortgage.

If saving the payment of \$2,500 each month is your prime priority, this is one way to do it.

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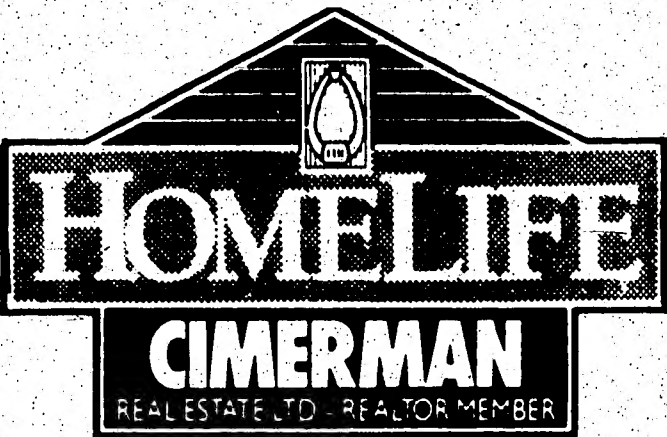
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Chernobyl children in Israel

KFAR CHABAD, Israel — The third group of Chernobyl children sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch arrived in Israel for medical treatment of radiation exposure on Dec. 28.

Their chartered Aeroflot flight immediately returned carrying nine tons of kosher packaged goods and fresh fruit to be distributed to families living in the Chernobyl area. Food was collected by Agudas Chassidei Chabad in Israel, the organization that administers the Chernobyl project.

"We were able to bring these children well ahead of schedule due to the sponsorship of Viennese businessman Martin Schlaff," explained Rabbi Yosef Aronov, executive director of Agudas Chassidei Chabad. "With the aid of several friends, Mr. Schlaff paid for the children's flight."

Schlaff, who maintains business concerns in Austria, Germany and Israel, learned of the Chabad project through the director of Chabad activities in Vienna, Rabbi Yaakov Biderman, who is participating in the worldwide Chabad effort to raise funds to bring more than 3,000 Chernobyl children to Israel for treatment in a specially created Chabad medical clinic designed to treat victims of radiation exposure.

Chabad camp

With this current group of new arrivals, Chabad will now have 340 Chernobyl children living, going to school and receiving medical care in Israel.

The 80 children, aged five to 14 years, spent two weeks at a Chabad preparatory camp near Moscow. Each child underwent exhaustive medical examinations. Arriving with the children were three Soviet doctors who conducted the medical examinations. These physicians remained in Israel for a week working with Dr. Ze'ev Weshler, head of Chabad's medical team and director of the radiology department at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

In response to severe food shortages and near-famine conditions in the Chernobyl area, a second shipment of food will be sent to families in Russia. Food was collected by Chabad from large food processing concerns in Israel who donated seven tons of powdered soups, long-life UHT milk, tea and canned products as well as two tons of fresh fruit. The shipment has been divided into food parcels which will be delivered to needy Jewish families living around Chernobyl.

Rabbi Aronov emphasized that the food shortages in the Byelorussian area are made even more severe because the area continues to be contaminated by radiation, rendering locally grown produce, meats, and milk unsafe for human consumption.

According to Rabbi Aronov, Chabad plans to continue its food shipment from Israel to Russia and is appealing to other Israeli food growers and manufacturers to contact Chabad and help alleviate the plight of families affected by the famine conditions. Chabad is also seeking medical and pharmaceutical supplies for shipment to Byelorussia and for use in its Israel clinic.

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